WASHINGTON (R) — The United States said Wednesday Yasser Arafat's statement declaring the 1964 Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) charter obsolete could be a "step in the right direction" and challenged him to back it up with a formal vote of the Palestine National Council (PNC), "We see this as a reinforcement of his prior statement acknowledging Israel's right to exist," State Department spokeswoman Margaret Tutwifer said of the PLO chairman's remarks on French television. She said a decision by the PNC "formally amending or abropaud." Arafat said Wednesday the decision by the PNC last year to recognise Israel had Wednesday the decision by the PNC last year to recognise had rendered the charter "null and void." Tutwiler, asked for U.S. reaction, said: "Such a statement, if it is backed up in words and deeds, is a step in the right direction."

said.

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King returns after talks with Fahd

AMMAN (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein returned to Amman from Saudi Arabia early Wednesday following a brief visit during which he performed the Unira pilgrimage in Mecca and held talks with King Fahd of Saudi Arabia.

King Hussein joined worshippers for prayers at Mecca and he visited the Prophet Mohammad Mosque in Mecca and performed prayers along with the Jordanian delegation accompanying him on

Earlier, King Hussein held a meeting with Kiog Fahd and discussed pan-Arah and Islamic issues and Jordanian-Şaudi Arabian relatioos.

Attending the meeting were Prime Minister Sharif Zaid Ihn Shaker, Royal Court Chief Thou-

reaffirms

AMMAN (Petra) - Deputy

Prime Minister and Foreign

Minister Marwan Al Qasem

Wednesday reiterated Jordan's

full support for the Palestine Li-

beration Organisation (PLO) in

its drive to arrive at a peaceful

and comprehensive settlement to

the Palestine problem through an

international peace cooference.

here with Mahmoud Abbas,

member of the PLO's Executive

Committee, who arrived here

Tuesday for consultations with

Qasem expressed satisfaction

NOUAKCHOTT (R) -

Manritanian refugees fleeiog

Senegal accused Senegalese

troops Wednesday of rape, beat-

ings and theft in the bloody com-

munal rioting that shook both

They told reporters that sol-

diers in the neighbouring country

had stripped the clothes off their

backs and stolen all their money

Many women in a makeshift

refugee camp in the Senegalese

capital Dakar were taken back to

their homes and raped before

being allowed to join an interna-

tional airlift out of the country.

sparked by a minor dispute over

grazing rights. Attacks oo Sene-

galese living io Mauritania, led to

reprisals against Mauritanians in

Senegal as decades of simmering

."They took the women away to

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are treating us very badly over

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Qasem was talking at a meeting

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qan Hindawi, the King's Political Advisor Adnan Abu Odeh and Depoty Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Marwan Al Qasem. On the Saudi side, the talks were attended by Prioce Sultan Ibn Abdul Aziz, the second deputy prime minister and minister of defeoce, and Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al Faisal.

King Hussein and King Fahd also held a closed meeting.
Upon his return here, King
Hussein was met by His Royal
Highness Crown Prince Hassan and senior government officials and high-ranking Armed Forces

Upon his departure from Saudi Arabia, the King sent a cable to King Fahd expressing appreciatioo for the hospitality accorded to him and the Jordanian delega-

dent Francois Mitterrand.

Senegalese of rape, pillage

she was then raped.

his shirt and shorts.

rumours.

Mauritanian refugees accuse

A woman, who asked oot he

named, said she had been made

to squat naked while the soldiers

helped themsleves to what they

waoted from her home. She said

The Senegalese are doing very

had things, and it has not stopped

vet," said one young refugee. He said he had left Dakar with only

Mauritanian officials say re-

ports that as many as 400 Sene-

galese were killed in Mauritania

are wildly exaggerated and accuse

Senegal of doing nothing to end

at the most 40-50 and not all of

those are Senegalese" a govern-

ment official told Reuters. Black

Mauritanians, as opposed to the

lighter-skinned Moors of Arah

calm, and very much under

control because of the extremely

tough measures decreed by the

president. Unfortunately, the

same cannot he said of Senegal,"

Nouakehott and the main com-

the official said.

"The situation here is very

descent, were also victims.

There have been deaths, hut

They have taken everything.

Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Marwan Al Qasem

Mahmoud Abbas and Abdul Razak Al Yahya (Petra photo)

Wednesday meets with PLO Executive Committee members

with a meeting held in Paris Qasem's office, were Foreigo

Tuesday betweeo PLO Chairman Ministry Secretary Geoeral

Yasser Arafat and Freuch President Francois Mitterrand.

Mutassem Al Bilbeisi and PLO Executive Committee member

Attending the meeting, held in Abdul Razzak Al Yahya.



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King Hussein wished King Fahd cootinued health and happi-

His Majesty King Hussein Tuesday bolds talks with King Fahd Ibn Abdul Aziz of Saudi Arabia tion, and his congratulations on ness and the Saudi Arahian peo- discussion they had together abple further progress and out pan-Arah and Islamic affairs and thanked him for his solidarity

King Hussein also voiced his with Jordan and his keenness oo appreciation to King Fahd for the supporting it.

France welcomes Arafat gesture

Wednesday greeted as a positive gesture Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) Chairman Yasser Arafat's statement that the PLO charter calling for Israel's elimination was no longer

Prime Minister Michel Rocard said in a statement after the two men held talks that Arafat's comments on French television were "a positive clarification that leads towards peace."

President Francois Mitterrand also welcomed Arafat's acknowledgement that the 1964 charter of the Palestine National Council (PNC) was "null and void saying it partially met his call for the PLO to clarify its position.

Arafat told Freoch radio his meetings in Paris during a twoday visit which was to end Wedoesday night would have an important effect on the Middle East peace process. Israel appeared unimpressed

hy Arafat's statement that the charter had been superseded by the political programme adopted hy the PNC in Algiers last November, which recognised Israel's right to exist alongside a future Palestine.

"We cannot take all his statements seriously," said an aide to Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir in

lo his meetings and radio interviews, Arafat paid homage to France's role as an iotermediary, saying Mitterrand and Rocard had presented Israel's point of view during their separate talks Tuesday and Wednesday.

Arafat aides said one of the main purposes of his visit to France was to maintain international pressure on Israel to make concessions to Palestinian calls for a homeland.

Hardline PLO leaders were critical of Arafat's statement. 'The (PNC) declaration calls

for a two-state solution," Arafat told a news conference Wednesday, speaking in Arabic. "This here, there is nothing," a Mauritanian official said. "I.t is a means the charter is 'caduc,'" he added, using the French word for ohsolete or null and void that he first employed in a televised in-

In a French radio interview Wednesday, Arafat had said the appropriate English translation would be "superseded."

Pressed further at the news conference about the different possible shadings of meanings of "caduc" - ranging from legally worthless to just out-of-date -Arafat said, "I'm not here to give lessons in lioguistics and law." He referred reporters to their Freoch dictionaries.

Asked what he had to say to Israelis still suspicious of his motives, Arafat said, "I tell them once again, come, let's make peace. Why are they afraid peace? Who is afraid of peace?"

He said objections by other Palestinian leaders to his views are "the expression of Palestinian democracy. Everyone has the right to express his opinion."

Israeli liberals welcomed the Arafat statement as a positive

Arafat's statement Tuesday in Paris came up during a debate in parliament, and Chaim Ramon. parliamentary leader of the Labour Party, called for reconsidering Israel's han oo talking to the PLO.

Other Israeli doves said they regarded Arafat's latest statement as progress hut challenged him to prove his words.

If Arafat will summon the PNC it will show that he personally is serious about what he says," a foreign ministry official

told Reuters. Palestinians in the occupied territories said there was no need to convene the PNC because the council had acceptd U.N. Security Council Resolution 242 imph-

citly recognising Israel and invalidating the charter. "I'm personally against the PNC convening to abolish anything," said philosopher Sari

Nusseibeh. "What (Arafat) said was enough. Basically he confirmed that we are no longer working for the destruction of the state of

Israel hut for a state alongside

Aoun lifts blockade of militia-run ports

BEIRUT (Agencies) — Leba-non's military cabinet said Wednesday it had temporarily suspended a sea blockade of militia-run ports that triggered six weeks of savage artillery bombardments in and around Beirut

in which 290 people died.
"The blockade has been officially suspended for a specific period of time to give a chance to the Arab foreign ministers to find a deep-rooted solution to the Lehanese crisis," said a statement hy the cahinet of Major-General Michel Aoun.

The statement followed talks with two Arah League envoys to end the battles that erupted in mid-March as Aoun sought 10 extend his power beyond the Christian enclave io Lehanon.

Aoun's government is vying for power with a civilian administration led by Acting Prime Minister Salim Hoss.

One of the Arab League envoys said Wednesday the rival factions in Lehanon have agreed to implement a three-point ceasefire plan to end a bloodbath that has killed 278 people and wounded 1,010 in nearly two months.

There is no justification for a single shot to be fired in Lehanon as of now," the Arah League official, Lakhdar Ibrahimi, told

reporters. Police reported some sniper

fire from west Beirut into the eastern sector about an hour after Ibrahimi made the announcement. But one spokesman said: 'It seems the ceasefire orders haven't beeo issued yet," playing down the violation.

tion after separate meeongs with Hoss and Aoun.

Aoun's army units, estimated at 20,000 soldiers, have been hattling Syrian troops and Lehanese militia allies since March 8, when the latest round in the 14-year-old civil war erupted.

Ibrahimi, an Algerian diplomat, and Kuwait's amhassador to Syria, Ahdul Aziz Al Jassem. arrived in Beirut earlier Wednesday seeking ways to enforce an Arah League-brokered truce that was supposed to take hold last Friday.

The ceasefire call had scaled down indiscriminate bombardment of population centres in and around Beirut.

Aoun's statement issued Wednesday did not say when Aoun would lift the blockade of the illegal ports which provided the country's militia with much of their income.

It was a key militia demand for ments, the worst in 14 years of civil war which devastated areas of the capital of 1.5 million

Sources close to Aoun and Hoss said there were differences cuss Lebanon. over how to implement the Arab League resolution.

They said Aoun insisted a ceasefire and deployment of Arab liament failed to elect a successor observers precede an end to the to outgoing President Amin sea blockade, while his rivals Gemayel. This left Lebanon withdemanded the blockade first he out a head of state and with rival

Ibrahimi, personal envoy of Arah League Secretary-General and Halat airstrip is part of these Chadli Klibi, made the declara-outlets," the Aoun statement outlets," the Aoun statement

> Beirut's only civilian airport is located in west Beirut. The main Christian route to the outside world has for many years been the port of Jounieh which was closed by the recent shelling.

Ihrhaimi said shortly before the Aoun cahinet issued its state-

"General Anun has agreed to carry out the Arab League decision which calls for an end to all sea, land and air blockades and

reopening of all crossing for a period of three months." "General Aoun has agreed to a ceasefire and to lift all blockade. There is no reason anymore for anybody to fire a shell," Ihrahimi told reporters after meeting

Maronite Christian Patriarch Nasrallah Butros Sfeir. Sources close to Hoss and Aoun said the Arab peacemakers discussed the deployment of a an end to the artillery bombard- 312-man Arab ceasefire observer force. Ibrahimi said Algeria. Tunisia and Kuwait would contri-

> hute observers. He said an Arab summit scheduled within a month would dis-

The league is trying to end a constitutional crisis which erupted last September when parred. governments, a deadlocked "All sea and air outlets on assembly and a divided army.

Army destroys Palestinian homes

Palestinian kills two Israelis in Jerusalem

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM Palestinian revolt against Israeli occupation that has brought bed two Israelis to death and bed two Israelis to death and wounded three in Jerusalem's

main street Wednesday. Israeli civilians chased the assailant into a flower shop where

they beat and kicked him until police intervened. Police fired tear-gas to disperse 50 Israelis led by anti-Arah rahbi

Meir Kahane as they marched towards the walled Old City vowing to take "revenge" on Palesti-Before heing led away hy

tor hanned from parliament as a racist, nodded towards the Old City and shouted: Today they (Arahs) are here.

police, Kahane, a former legisla-

Tomorrow, the next day, they won't be here. We haven't forgotten. There will be revenge. Police did not name the attack-

er, a man in his 20s from the West Bank town of Ramallah. But Police Minister Haim Bar-

Lev said he was from Islamic Jihad, a movement which claimed to carry out an October 1986 attack in Jerusalem that killed one Israeli and wounded 69. The attack raised Arab-Jewish

tensions in occupied Jerusalem, already high after 17 months of Bank, Gaza Strip and Arah Jeru-

West Jerusalem, however, has been relatively free from the violence, and Arabs have walked the streets of the Jewish sector with few cases of harassment.

Members of Kahane's Kach Party later heat up several Palestinians near the neighbourhood of Mea Sherim, Israel army

radio reported. Police said the assailant had been questioned about unspecified "terrorist activities" in the

past. Police spokesman Uri Sandori said the man spent the night hefore the attack praying at Jerusalem's Al Aqsa mosque for Leilat Al Kadr, a holiday marking the delivery of the Holy Koran to the Prophet Mohammad. Krauss said the attacker

apparently had no accomplices. In the West Bank, troops destroyed five houses of Palestinians accused of beating to death 40year-old Mussalam Mahmoud Shaheen, an alleged collaborator with the Israeli occupation authorities.

after masked youths broke into his home in the West Bank village of Artas. He was one of more than a dozen suspected collabor-

ators killed in the past month. Early Wednesday, troops levelled four houses in Artas and one in the oearhy Dheishe refugee

The army has destroved more than 180 houses in the West Bank and Gaza Strip since the December 1987 start of the Palestinian

Also Wednesday, the army said a corporal was 'reprimanded" after he and two other soldiers ordered a Palestinian teenager to climb on the hood of their jeep to serve as a shield against stone throwers. The incident, which occurred Tuesday in the West Bank was filmed by a

foreign TV crew. In the West Bank, a young Arah labourer entered a Jewish senlement and asked a Jewish settler for work and suddenly took out a knife, stabbing the settler five times, Israel Radio said. The injured man was taken to a hospital.

Army forces reached the area and are pursuing the anacker," Shaheen was killed April 20 an army spokesman said.

WASHINGTON (R) - Presi-Pope: World must nurse Namibian independence

Paul urged the world Wednesday to protect the fledgling independence of Namihia and help the country reach authentic sovereignty.

In a hard-hitting, compre-hensive address to the diplomatic corps in Zamhia the Pope also repeated his condemnation of apartheid and called for international solidarity to ease Africa's crushing foreign deht. "To all those who hear my

võice I make an appeal that Namibia, the latest country io Africa to become fully independent, be fully accepted into the family of nations," the Pope said.

He urged that Namibia be "sustained in its independence and given every assistance on the road to economic, social and political autonomy.

Bloody fighting erupted at the start of a United Nations independence plan for South African-ruled Namihia April 1 hut elections are still expected in the former German colooy

The pootiff applauded recent signs of progress towards peace in southen Africa, mentioning the U.N. peace accords signed hy South Africa, Angola and Cuba in December. These linked Namihian independence to the withdrawal of Cuhan forces from Angola.

"It is important that these process should be promoted and further strengthened through the support of the international community," he

domestics.

He called on all countries in southern Africa to abandon what he called selfish policies, and repeated that the church considered racism and social, economic and political discrimination "contrary to Christian faith and love."

mercial city of Nouahidou are

under a night curfew.
At least 38 Mauritanians were

killed in Dakar, hut officials say

refugees fleeing by land report

many more deaths in the country-

A Mauritanian doctor, Brahim

Ould Mohammad, said he

counted 15 Mauritanian hodies in

a hospital in the Senegalese city

Many of an estimated 300,000

Mauritanians working in Senegal

owned small husinesses while the

35,000 Senegalese in Mauritania

tended to occupy more lowly

positions in construction or as

The departure of the Sene-

galese has hit the capital's eco-

oomy. But diplomats say the hig-

gest problem is what to do with the thousands of Mauritanians,

many born in Senegal, who are

there. What can we offer them

tragedy for everyone. (see page

"They were wealthy over

now expected to return.

of Djourbel Sunday.

Botha 'warning'

South African Foreign Minister Pik Botha said he had been warned of an impending incursion into northern Namibia later Wednesday by 350 nationalist guerrillas in de-fiance of the tragile U.N.-hacked truce.

Fighters of the South West Africa People's Organisation (SWAPO) would cross from Angola at three points to mark the anniversary Thursday of a South African-led attack on a SWAPO base in Angola. Botha told parliament.

Scores of SWAPO supporters were killed during a South African raid on the Cassinga guerrilla base in southern Angola May 4, 1978.

Botha said he wanted to anoounce his knowledge of the raid before it started so the SWAPO leadership knew South African security forces were ready and prepared. "If the information is cor-

rect, SWAPO must know tonight that the Namihian police and the South African army are waiting for them," he There were oo immediate

reports of unrest in the war-

torn north of Namihia, where the United Nations is monitoring a pullout of SWAPO guerrillas hack to Angola.

Botha declined to say how he learned of SWAPO's alleged plans, hut added it was the same source which warned him of the April 1 infiltration of Namihia that derailed the U.N. independence operation for the

The plan is now being resurrected following intense diplomatic negotiations between South Africa, Cuha and Angola.

There is an uneasy truce in the war area, and hopes were rising before Botha's statement to parliament that the original independence timetable could still be respected.

Bush refuses to budge over SNF

dent George Bush dug in his heels Wednesday and reaffirmed his oppositioo to East-West negotiations on short-range nuclear arms, a posture that could deepen a rift in the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) alliance. Bush made this clear to visiting

Norwegian Prime Minister Gro Harlem Brundtland "in the strongest terms," White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said in hriefing reporters on their meeting in Washington. "We believe we have to deal

with conventional weapons first and then we'll address the SNF (short-range nuclear forces) issue," Fitzwater said. "The president pointed out (to

Brundtland) in the strongest terms that he feels this course is the right one," Fitzwater added. West Germany has demanded early talks with the Warsaw Pact on reducing the number of shorrrange nuclear missiles in Europe - a demand which has divided

The White House official suggested that the United States is not eager to compromise. He said a failure to work out a common

position prior to or at this month's NATO summit would not weaken the Western alliance. "We'll continue to discuss it, but we're very firm in our position." he said.

Brundtland, who has generally been supportive of West German demands for talks on short-range weapons, predicted the alliance would reach a compromise before its May 29-30 summit in Brussels.

West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl, who opened the rift in the alliance hy urging NATO to accept a Soviet proposal for talks on reducing nuclear missiles with range of less than 500 kilometres, said Tuesday that he saw grounds for compromise.

Brundtland, talking to reporters after a one-hour meeting with Bush, suggested a route to compromise was language linking

cuts to nuclear talks.

But Fitzwater said the United

States was not willing to embrace that approach and was ready for a "spirited debate" at the NATO Washington and London say SNF talks might lead to the elimination of all nuclear missiles

from Europe and would leave the continent vulnerable to the Warsaw Pact's overwhelming advantage in conventional arms. They have also been unsuccessfully pushing Kohl to agree to

modernise short-range lance missiles based in West Germany. Fitzwater said the administration opposed the elimination of nuclear weapons from Europe

arbiter of European security." He also rejected the criticism of former Reagan administration arms oegotiator Paul Nitze that

because that would "make Soviet

conventional power the decisive

Bush's positioo was a mistake.

Afghan rebels report progress in healing rifts

agreement with Pakistan-based compatriots to form a united in-

terim government. Jan-Ali Zahedi, a spokesman for an eight-party rebel coalition operating out of Iran, said a four-point pact signed in Tehran urged the Mujahedeen groups to preserve national unity and contime armed struggle mtil the fall of the Kabul regime."

The Iranian news agency

IRNA quoted Zahedi as saying the agreement was reached with a delegation led by Burhanuddin Rahhani of the seven-party alliance based in Pakistan. The accord also stressed the need for coordination to form a future

government in Afghanistan. The eight Shi'ite groups were

NICOSIA (R) — Afghan guerrillas based in Iran said Wednesday they had reached a tentative left out of the interim government set up by the mainly Sunni Pakistan-hased alliance shortly after the completion of Soviet troop withdrawal from Afghanistan last February.

Zahedi said during four rounds of talks in Tehran his coalition had categorically denied allegations that it had established contacts with Afghan President Najibullah's government. He did not

The coalition says it represents a quarter of Afghan people and controls the same proportion of

Afghan territory.
Zahedi said Rabhani's delegation, which has been in Iran for two weeks, was not fully authorised and representatives of the Iran-based groups will travel to Pakistan for further talks about the agreement.

Baker urged to reject Soviet Afghan talks call

NEW YORK (Agencies) — A U.S. National Security Council (NSC) panel has advised Secretary of State James Baker to turn down any Soviet call for talks on ending the Afghan civil war when be visits Moscow next week, the New York Times said Wednesday.

Baker shnnld resist any offers for negotiations on Afghanistan but should offer to exhange views and information with the Soviets, according to a summary of recommendations made by the panel last week. the newspaper said.

The paper said the policy coordinating committee of the National Security Council had concluded the Afghan guerrillas needed more time to prove themselves on the battlefield before the United States changed its policy. Washington back the guer-

rillas in their war against the Soviet-backed Afghan government, and officials had no immediate comment on story.

The panel, made up of mid-

dle-level State Department aides and other officials, also

Blast injures 8

said that if Moscow agreed that Afghan leader Najibullah must step down the United States would be willing to discuss a peaceful transfer of power.

Eight Afghan refugees were wounded in a bomb blast at a hotel in the south-western Pakistani town of Quetta, police said Tuesday.

The explosion, near a bus station in the Baluchistan pro-vincial capital, also caused extensive damage.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility for ex-



Mauritanians ride a truck to Dakar airport to be flown home

Mauritanians face uncertain future back home

By Jonathan Clayton Reuter

NOUAKCHOTT - As the Spanish C-130 military transport plane lumbered mto the evening sky above Dakar, the 131 Mauritanians on board relaxed - they were alive and going home.

The passengers on the Her-cules plane duhbed "Dumbo III" were among more than 30,000 refugees who have been repatriated in an international air shuttle. Planes have been flying non-stop in both directions between Mauritania and Senegal after last week's violence killed hundreds of people in both countries.

For the first time in more than three days, Mahmoud allowed himself a brief smile as he took the bread and fresh fruit handed out by Spanish aid workers. He was sad, he said, to be leaving the Senegalese capital where he had worked as

a trader for seven years. Any joy, however, was tem-pered by the manner in which he had left Senegal and the uncertain future waiting for him back home in Mauritania.

Like most of the refugees

fleeing the violence, he had to

leave all his belongings behind. "I have to find my wife," he said. "She left two days ago. I suppose she must be all right."

After arriving in the capital

Nouakchott, the Mauritanian refugees are being housed in a

football stadium until the govrnment decides what to do next. At the airport they are kept well away from the departing Senegalese.

Unconfirmed reports say up to 400 Senegalese were killed in Mauritania. The violence stemmed from a dispute over grazing rights which brought decades of simmering racial tension to the surface between Arabic-speaking Moors and hlack Africans.

Revenge killings followed in Dakar as Senegalese looted Manritanian-owned stores. Many Mauritanians working in Senegal owned shops and small businesses while the Sene-galese in Mauritania have

tended to work in the construction industry or as domestics. Passions have been further inflamed by the refugees' stor-ies of the brutality meted out by the authorities in each country. Independent witnesses say both sides have indiscrimately

confiscated personal effects. A senior Mauritanian government official accused Senegal of not sticking to an agreement to allow all refugees to leave with their belongings. He said Mauritanians had been stripped of goods totalling 20 million French francs (\$3.2 mil-

Witnesses at the airport in Nouakchott said Senegalese had been forced to hand over clothes, watches, jewellery and

"Things are a lot better today (Tnesday) than they were a few days ago. I get the impress-ion, the authorities are now trying to stop the worst outrages," a Spanish aid worker

Troops fired tear gas Tuesday to disperse crowds of Mauritanians trying to learn the fate of their countrymen fleeing riots in Senegal, eyewit-

"Order must be maintained whatever the price," said a government spokesman, adding that reabsorbing about 300,000 Mauritanians working in Senegal would be a major problem.

Thousands of frightened Senegalese waited at Nouakchott airport to be flown home in the airlift spearheaded hy France and Morocco. Clothes and personal effects lay in ceiling-high piles in the departure

"It is necessary for all Muslim

states, including Iran, to abide by

the special arrangements and spe-

cify the number of pilgrims." the

Saudi Press Agency quoted Haj Minister Abdul Wahhab Abdul

Iran's official IRNA news

agency said Sunday the cabinet

met to study a report on "the

continued problems created hy

Sandi Arahia" over the issue.

Tehran has not said whether it

Abdul Wahhah said all states

must abide by their quotas until

projects to increase the capacity

of the holy sites were completed.

will attend this year's Haj.

Wasie as saying.

WHO move on PLO said to turn on politics

chief of the World Health Organisation (WHO) said Tuesday legal arguments seem to go against Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) membership in the U.N. agency and suggested the issue of Palestinian statehood should be tested elsewhere. .

Director General Hiroshi Nakajima refused to predict how the 166 member states in WHO's assembly would vote next week in Geneva if, as expected, the application from the PLO is

But he said he hoped a U.S. threat to withhold aid would be seen as a warning that the issue of PLO membership is "nationally, internationally a very serious problem and this (WHO) is not the place to talk (about) it." PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat

was raising the issue, which turns on whether the PLO can be judged a state, "in the most inappropriate time, in the most inappropriate place," he said. "This issue is an international political issue," he added...

The Japanese physician met reporters after talks with acting Assistant Secretary of State Shaw Smith that apparently did not alter Secretary of States James Baker's announced threat Monday to recommend an end to U.S. contributions to WHO or other U.N. agencies that admit the PLO as a full member.

The State Department refused comment on the meeting and Nakajima said only the officials discussed "how to cope with this

difficult question."

A U.S. aid cutoff would deprive WHO of about \$100 million this year and force a halt in the fourth quarter in most of the agency's crucial activities.
Such action could affect small-

pox eradication, immunisation against childhood diseases and programmes for Palestinians in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, Nakajima said. Only states can be WHO mem-

WASHINGTON (R) — The bers and the United States is concerned membership would give international recognition to the Palestinian state the PIO declared last year.

The United States says it fears giving that state legitimacy would undermine efforts to revive the Middle Eat peace process and hring Arabs and Israelis, into direct negotiations.

Nakajima declined to take a position on the question of whether the PLO qualifies as a

But he said the only legal docu-ment defining a state is the 1937 Montevideo Convention. "If you apply the strictest sense (to) the Montevideo Convention

the PLO may not be satisfiable to the conditions," which are peo-ple, government and territory, he Also, he said, while the United

Nations last year changed the denomination of the PLO to Palestine, the U.N. interpreta-tion remains that "Palestine is not a

Asked if WHO could give membership to an entity that did not meet the criteria of a state, Nakajima replied: "That is a very difficult issue which most competent legal counsel of the U.N.

cannot clearly say."
He said that Monday the Arab
Leagne and, in particular,
Bahrain, had formally proposed
PLO membership in WHO. He read a letter from 12 Enropean members of WHO noting

that no member of the European Community (EC) recognised PLO/Palestine as a state.

Nakajima hinted that compromise before a vote was unlike-

ly. He said he has been trying without success to get the PLO to delay its application and now the matter was for WHO member states to decide, WHO members can ask the

director general to study the matter further or accept or reject the

Mahfouz receives Rushdie-style threat

CAIRO (R) — Egyptian Nobel Laureate Nagnib Mahfouz said Wednesday Muslim extremists had vowed to kill him for blasphemy in a similar threat to that against Salman Rushdie.

"Police have offered me tection after Muslim extremists announced their invention to kill me," Mahfouz told Reuters, "I refused because police protection could disturb my life and disrupt my day-to-day habits.'

Mahfouz, 77, who became the first Arah to win the Nobel Prize for Literature last year, sharply criticised Iranian leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini when he urged Muslims in February to kill

Rushdie for hlasphemy. Security sources said a similar order against Mahfouz had been issued by Sheikh Omar Abdul Rahman, a hind theologian who some Egyptian Muslim radicals in

the outlawed Islamic Jihad group regard as their mentor. They said Abdul Rahman, now in jail, issued his ruling in March on the grounds that Mahfouz's

writings contained blasphemy. Abdul-Rahman was arrested April 7 after a clash between fundamentalists and police in the

oasis town of Fayoum. Grand Mufti Sheikh Sayed Tantawi, Egypt's highest religious authority, was quoted Wednesday as saying the threat against Mahfouz could nto have been issued by "a mentally sound

person." "I am against this... no personcan decide to kill a Muslim without legitimate causes such as betraying his religion," Tantawi was quoted by the weekly newspaper Al Ahali as saying.

Mahfouz's own book "The



Naguib Mahfouz

Children of Gehalawi" has been hanned in Egypt since 1959 on

Verses" as an unthinking diatribe against Islam but said Khomeini was wrong to have ordered the Indian-born Briton's death.

Mahfouz's wife, Attyatullah. said her husband continued to go to work every day at Egypt's semi-official Al Ahram newspap er, maintaining his normal

We are keeping an eye on one security official said. Supporters of Islamic Jihad be-

longed to the group responsible for the killing of President Anwar Sadat in 1981. Interior Minister Zaki Badr,

has ordered a crackdown on Mus-

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Vanunu appeals **18-year sentence**

TEL AVIV (R) - Alleged Israeli nuclear spy Mordechai Vanunu appealed behind closed doors Wednesday against his 18year prison term for treason and espionage after the high court rejected a request by foreign

lawyers for an open hearing. Vanunu, convicted in March 1988 for telling a British newspaper that Israel had produced as many as 200 atom bombs, was taken to court under heavy police guard nearly two bours before the

proceedings began. 'The rights of Mordechai Vanunu are properly guaranteed by the law and we trust his lawyer will guard them. The request of the (foreign) lawyers... to be present in the hearing was rejected," the three-judge court said in its

Attorneys Nicole Dreyfus of Paris and Romeo Ferucci and Ezio Menzione of Rome and Pisa, Italy, came to Israel to observe Vanunu's appeal on behalf of the Brussels-based International Federation of Democratie Lawyers. Vanunu's trial was also closed

to the public.
"We respect the decision but we regret that we cannot be present because we think every trial should be open," Menzione told reporters.

keep the whole trial closed.

There are parts of the trial that

can be open with no threat to

"The closure can be harmful to Vanunu's defence. It's no use to security," he said.

Vanunu, 35, worked at Israel's top-secret nuclear reactor in Dimona for nine years before he allegedly sold Israel's atomic secrets to the Sunday Times of London.

Israel has never confirmed or denied possessing nuclear arms, saying only it would not be the. first country to introduce such weapons into the Middle East. Vanunu disappeared from

London in September 1986 and later turned up in an Israeli prison. During his trial, Vanunu flashed a message on the palm of his hand against the window of a police van taking him to court saying he was abducted in Rome. A hero among Westrn anti-

nuclear campaigners, Vanunu has received little support in Israel. The press, portraying him as unstable, has reported that he engaged in pro-Palestinian activities and converted to Christianity. Gidon Sipro, spokesman for the

Israeli committee for an Open Trial for Vanunu, a tiny leftist group hosting the foreign lawyers, said: "We think that the criminal act is producing the bomh and not disclosing it to the Vanunu's family says he told

them he acted for ideological motives because he feared the spread of nuclear weapons hut that did not want to harm Israel's security.

The court could have imposed

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Mordechai Vanunu

a maximum 20-year-term but gave him a lighter sentence because he aided investigators. He could be released in 1998 with time off for good behaviour.

Israel refuses to say how Vanunu returned hut Italy probed the possibility that he was drugged and shipped home after being lured from London to Rome by a hlonde woman agent of Israel's Mossad intelligence service.

Recent reports have suggested that the entire Vanunu affair could have been engineered by the Israeli government and some critics have even questioned whether the person identified as Vanunu was indeed the former nuclear worker at Dimona.

An Italian magistrate investigating the alleged kidnap from Rome has suggested that all indications were that there was no way that Mossad agents could have spiritied Vanunu out of

S. Arabia urges better ties with Iran KUWAIT (Agencies) — Saudi Arabia wants good relations with Iranian pilgrims, were killed in clashes in Mecca between Iranian again urged Muslim states to respect their quotas.

Wednesday as saying hy a demonstrators and Saudi security Kuwalt-based newspaper.

"Iran faces us... we cannot change the fact of Iran's geographical location nor can it change ours," Al Seyassah newspaper reported the Saudi monarch as saying.

"On our part we do not ask anything from Iran except mutual respect..." he told the daily in an interview in Saudi Arabia.

Relations between Saudi Arabia and Iran detriorated sharply because of Riyadh's support for Iraq and disputes over Iranian pilgrims in Mecca.

SIDON (Agencies) — The Pales-

tine Liberation Organisation

(PLO) representative to Lebanon

remained in a coma Wednesday

hut was reported in stable condi-

tion a day after being shot in the

head by a masked gunman.

day's assassination attempt.

"The operation was a success.

Mr. Salem is in stable condition

hut still in coma. However, we

won't know if we can take him off

hours," the spokesman said. He

Salem was the second high-

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declined to be named.

forces in 1987. The following year Saudi Ara-

bia asked Iran to reduce from 150,000 to 45,000 the number of pilgrims it would send to Mecca. Tehran responded by boycot-

ting the pilgrimage and after a further deterioration between the two states Saudi Arahia hroke off diplomatic links, accusing Iran of hostile policies. There have been signs this year

that the two countries were

however moving towards a rapprochement.

On Tuesday, Saudi Arabia Shot PLO envoy remains in coma

> the target of an assassination attempt in Sidon within four days. Police said a lone assailant, wearing a plastic mask, fired two 9-mm pistol shots into Salem's

head and shoulder at a gift store A spokesman at Hammoud hospital said Issam Salem, 48; in this port city's Fakhreddin survived a five-hour operation to Street. The gunman escaped through remove a bullet that pierced the narrow alleyways leading to the left side of his forehead in Tues-

Palestinian refugee camp of 'Ain Al Hilweh on Sidon's southern flank, according to police. the critical list for at least 48.

The PLO security department and the Nasserite militia that governs Sidon said they have launched a joint hunt for the gun-

man. But spokesman for the two sides said Wednesday no arrests

ranking official of the PLO to be were made. There were no responsibility

claims for the attempt against Salem or the rocket-propelled grenade attack Saturday on the house of Zeid Wehhi, the PLO spokesman in Sidon. PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat, on an official visit in France,

called the attack on Salem "a

message for us to put our hands and stop helping our Lebanese hrothers. Palestinian sources in Beirut described it as a professinal assassination attempt by Israeli agents. but security sources in Sidon link-

ed the attack to a power struggle within the PLO in the port town. Militia leader Mustapha Saad, who controls Sidon, also accused

the grounds of hisspherry. The Egyptian author has criticised Rushdie's book "Satanic

"No book can shake a religion," Mahfonz said.

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Al Wasiti hosts 12 artists for May

diagonals that make a strong

statement in an otherwise silent,

the gallery, presents, for the first

time here, three sculptures.

"The Kiss" is carved in "rose

antore" marble. It is a vertical

concretion with interesting cur-

vilinearity that bends into sheer

Another sculpture, made out of green Turkish marhle, is called "Fecundity." It has interpenetrating forms reminiscent of the Chinese Yin Yang symbol with positive/penetrics male/

with positive/negative, male/

female, light/dark connotations.

Seen from the side, it shows

gradating embracing curves all

held in check by a square form

behind, behaving as a locking device that holds the flow of the

curvilinear shapes in halance.

The third sculpture called "Womb" is made of Carrara

marble and is more figurative

than the other two. A stylised

human figure has the symbolic

concavities pertaining to the sub-ject and, surprisingly enough, some angular projections. Tex-ture, in all these sculptures, is

always smooth.

Nawal Abdullah figures next

fluid horizontal strips enhancing

their flow. Gentle triangles are

sprinkled on top creating an

intermittent flurry. Two very

dynamic paintings of Nawal

manifest great power, they bear

witness to the flashing virtuosity

and maturity of the artist. She

gives full reign to her forms.

Solid masses pull in and out with

strong tension while thick areas

of black sustain them from be-

low. Seeing these works of ab-

stract expressionism, one gets

the feeling that he is a gallery in New York. Leo Castelli and the

Egyptian artist Adli Rizkallah

presents a couple of abstract paintings called "Crystallisa-

tions." The futuristic approach,

or repetitious reiteration of

shapes, and the progression of colours from light pink to blue

contribute to the implication of

tray a constant appealing motion towards the sun. In "Dawn,"

textured areas rise at different

points towards a rising sun ren-

Another etching portrays a

number of hands appealing to

the sun, some of them barred in

an isolated area. A lower area

exposes the back of the head of a

man with a hatta (headgear)

while two other men, facing the

viewer, are gagged and scarfed respectively. Within the sun a naked child runs off. This paint-

In "The Bird" it is he, the

Dia' Al Azzawi appears with a

bird, who is appealing to the sun

monumental painting filled with

his forceful colours and shapes.

Large space of very intense col-

our carry smaller more rhythmic

areas intermittent with cal-

picts human figures in motion.

Last but by no means the least, Nabil Shehadeh appears with his

strong temperamental brush-

strokes blazing out with different

directional thrusts. Impressive

splashes and dripping of colour

adds to the vitality of the paint-

ing. The whole is contained and

A coloured graphic print de-

ing is called "Beirut '82."

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ligraphy.

Yasser Dweik's etchings por-

the subject matter.

dered in colour.

Mona Saudi, the director of

gentle work.

Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN - A versatile art exhibition is being held at Al Wasiti Gallery in the Plaza Hotel. The exhibition started Tuesday, May 3.

The exhibition houses works in various styles done by twelve Arab artists from all over the world. The callibre of many of these artists is pronouncedly

Moroccan artist Hachimi Azza opens the scene with his Mezzotint prints; solemn simplicity! Five mature works, compactions or compilations of items are conveyed with utmost realism. These works are valuable because of the professional quality of their rendering.

Next comes the abstract work of Palestinian artist Vladimir Tamari where volumes interact in gentle motion. Brushstrokes and water colour techniques (the interaction of paint with the paper) plays a very important role in his works. Different textural effects, different colour combinations, some based on a warm scheme of Bois-de-rose or a cooler scheme of the blne/ green scale with gold leaf super-

with her gouache geometric abstractions. Their format is full, to the limit, with interpenetratimpusitions. This use of watercolour techniques is the consequing strips of intense colour, often interspersed with black; either as ence of the sapient and practised hand of the artist. Only one work bears a touch of realism, with a centralised "timeless" hua background or delineating the strips, but always enhancing the man figure wearing a halo. "musical" movement that goes Palestino-Lehanese artist (of borizontal, vertical and di-The painting "Music" has a more subtle movement, with tinted lines outline the thick but

American origin) Paul Guiragos sian offers four works, one 'h a semi-realistic seated mandolin player. Made with very few brushstrokes, it shows, explicitly, the perspective in which the volumes flow. Some fine texture appears on the textile; it adds an oriental touch but does not detract from the purity of the

Two other watercolours have his typical vertical figures marching forward, rendered in contrasting deep greens and maroons, intermittently interrupted by lighter tints of these complements. The "hit-and-miss" impression of the dry brushstrokes` contrasts with the wet rendering of some parts.

His largest work is full of vitality, covered with a dispersion of colours, rhythms and the use of mixed-media (gouache and wax cravons).

Samir Sayegh from Lebanon is a poet who has quit poetry for a more visual yet abstract interplay of words. His work is a compilation, a repetinous use of A 181355 the same word, creating recurring black and white rhythms leaving a jagged white margin in the centre, or forming a wordframe around a square area of : c73ckde*. calligraphy.

Ahmad Nawash, Jordan, appears next, with his pastelcoloured paintings, his simple rendering of figures and his lyrical, if not psychological approach to the subject matter. Stylised figures overlap and interpene-trate, often losing their personal

identity New York based Sudani artist Mohammad Khalil offers textured prints incorporating photography and printing tech-niques that enable him to print out different textile motifs.

A small- work (others are gigantic) has a centralised composition in the form of a bloom. including a portrait and decorative patterns made with the

different textural imprints. Salaam Kanaan reappears with his rustic landscapes that remind us of Jordan in the past. A rhythmic repetition of windows and the use of earth colours typify his works. In his portrayal of a portico he makes an attempt

well-halanced within a thick Ghada: Dandale exhibits abstract works in mixed media This exhibition has made few (watercolours, wax crayons and compromises. It caters for qualispray paint) creating different ty. It will go on until May 30 and depths and subtle rhythms someis well-worth seeing. times interrupted by loud black

RJ transforms QAIA mall into investment enterprise

AMMAN (J.T.) — Royal Jorda-nian (RJ) the national airline has decided to transform its duty-free shops, the mall at the Queen Alia International Airport into an investment enterprise owned and operated by (RJ).

In announcing its decision Wednesday, RJ board of directors said that the mall which was formally opened last September will have independent management, but will continue to be linked financially to the RJ administration under a new set of internal instructions.

The purpose of this step, an RJ statement said, is to achieve further speed and increase productivity for the benefit of the customers and the passenges and

This step is bound to expand the mall's operations and ensure further income of foreign currency, the statement added.

According to the announce-ment, the mail will from now on be under the control of a special RJ administrative committee headed by RJ's vice president for financial affairs.

The space occupied by the mall and the accompanying offices are all rented by RJ from the Civil Aviation Authority which runs the airport.

Senior RJ officials were earlier quoted as saying that the mall sells products at 15 per cent to 25 per cent cheaper than the market in Jordan and offers jewellery;

Royal Highness Prince Abdullah Ihn Al Hussein; and RJ Chairtobacco, drinks, gifts of all sorts, local handicrafts, clothes, suit-cases, and other commodities like man and Chief Executive Officer Ali Ghandonr said then that the cosmetics, glasses ties etc.
Unlike the previous duty-free development of the duty-free shops stems from the Kingdom's shop, the mall operates 24 hours stated policy of transforming the airport into a transit gate to the a day and allows for in-coming as world's capitals and an important



Cabinet

grant

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AMMAN (Petra) - The Council

of Ministers has approved an

agreement providing for technical assistance worth 358,000 Islamic

dinars from the Islamic Develop-

plant to conduct a feasibility

study on assembling and producing calculators.

The Council of Ministers also

charged with encouraging invest-

serve for two years.

Transaction at QAIA mall (file photo)

Anani replaces Badran; Mulqi takes over RSS

AMMAN (J.T.) - Dr., Jawad Al Anani has been appointed secretary general of the Higher Council for Science and Technology (HCST) to succeed Dr. Adnan Badran who was appointed minister of agriculture in the new Cabinet of Prime Minister Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker,

Dr. Hani Fawzi Al Mulqi has been appointed president of the Royal Scientific Society (RSS) to

replace Dr. Anani.
Since 1987 Mulqi has served as executive director general of the Islamic Academy of Sciences, and between 1983 and 1987 he was director of the RSS's solar research centre.

Mulqi holds a Ph.D degree in



industrial engineering from New

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

ON DUTY: Cleaners employed by the Greater Amman Municipality will be on duty during the Eid Al Fitr holiday from Saturday until Monday evening, according to Amman Mayor Abdul Ra'ouf Al Rawabdeh. But, he said, that only 30 per cent of the worker force will be on duty on the first day, 50 per cent on the second day and 100 per cent on the third day. The mayor said that the central market place will have only two days off, Saturday and Sunday (Petra). BUDGET: Fuheis municipality will have a JD 360,701 hudget for 1989 according to its mayor Faourk Jreisat. He said that JD 85,000 will be used to finance the construction of roads and JD 21,000 to build retaining walls, while the rest will be spent on public gardens and street lighting (Petra).

TOWN HALL: Muta town has commissioned a local company to huild a town hall at a cost of JD 21,782. Mayor Kamal Al Sarayreh

MARINE LIFE: Muta University plans to organise an exhibition of marine life at the Marine Science Station in Agaha on May 14. The two day exhibition will allow the students of Muta community college to study closely the various forms of marine creatures in the Gulf of

INDUSTRIAL LOANS: The Industrial Development Bank has approved nine industrial loans to local bisinesses worth JD 1.8 million. These projects include among others a hiscuit factory, a printing press and a shoe plant. A hank statement said that its board this year has approved of a total of 58 loans, together worth JD 8.18

ROYAL DECREE: A Royal Decree has been issued approving the formation of an agricultural council, headed by the minister of agriculture to define the objectives of agricultural development and draw up the appropriate strategy for it. The council will also be entrusted with studying the problems, facing the agricultural sector and to find out the right solutions (Petra).

EXPATRIATES: The Jordanian expatriates' conference will open in early July at the Palace of Culture in Al Hussein Youth City. The conference is expected to discuss expatriates' affairs and economic

TENDER: Minister of Municipal and Rural Affairs and the Environment Yousef Hamdan Al Jaber has agreed to offer a tender at JD 104,208 so as to carry out service projects in a number of local councils in the Kingdom (J.T.).

BUDGET: The budget of Kremah township in North Ghor district for 1989 totalled JD 104,394 (J.T.).

WHAT'S GOING ON

The following listings are compiled from monthly bulletins and the daily Arabic press. Readers are advised to verify the listed time and place with the concerned institutions.

EXHIBITIONS

★ A plastic art exhibition by Mohammad Bolis and Munira Tunisiyyeh at the Housing Gallery.
 ★ An art exhibition displaying 120 paintings depicting the history of the German city of Berlin and different aspects of life in East

Germany, at the Royal Cultural Centre.

The May art exhibition at Al Wasiti Art Gallery, Plaza Hotel.

RAMADAN SOUQ

☆ Ramadan open-air market, which includes foodstuff, clothes, home appliances and children's toys at Mahatta, eastern

★ International Ramadan Souq, in which 14 Arab and Islamic countries are taking part, at the International Auto Centre, Queen Alia International Airport Highway.

FILM

☆ A feature film entitled "The Purple Rose of Cairo" at the merican Centre - 4:00 p.m.

PLA commander congratulates King

AMMAN (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein Wednesday received a congratulatory cable from Palestine Liberation Army (PLA) Commander Brigadier Na'im Al Khatib on the occasion of the 36th anniversary of the King's Assumption of his constitution-

Khatib conveyed sincere wishes to the King on behalf of all PLA members. "These years have been abound with great achievements during which you shouldered the responsibility despite the hardships Your Majesty faced," the cable said.

Attributing the embodiment of the principles of the Great Arab Revolt in Jordan to the King's wise policies, unstinting struggle, and sincerity towards all pan-Arab issues foremost of which is the Palestine cause, Khatib pledged to sincerely stand by Jordan in good and

14,739 students in governorate Nsour inspects Maan schools

MAAN (J.T.) — Minister of Education Abdullah Nsour Wednesday made an inspection tour of schools and educational departments in Maan Goveroo-, rate in southern Jordan and discussed questions of concern to the local inhabitants with officials and school teachers.

The Ministry of Education is now involved in a number of important issues including matters related to the secondary school certificate examination (Tawjibi) for which the ministry has now prepared a set of regulations to ensure control over examinations and other related. affairs. Nsour said at a meeting held at a local school in Maan.

The Ministry of Education, Nsour noted, is about to delve into the transitional period of a process designed to fulfil the aims and objectives of the first educanonal conference held in Amman in 1987, and is embarking on a process of overhauling matters related to curricula,

textbooks and teaching methods.

The minister urged teachers to

exert all their efforts to impart good knowledge to the young generation and instil in their hearts self-confidence and a sense of national belonging.

At present specialised committees are working hard on revising all the syliabuses prior to working out new courses for the students at various school stages, the minister pointed out. He said teachers ought to be allowed open channels of communication with the Ministry of Education and its various departments and improve educational methods. The teachers' views should be heard about textbooks and methods so that the whole process can succeed, the minister

Nsour met with Maan governor and mayor along with a number of educational directors and teachers in the area. He later met with the director of Maan education department who briefed him on the needs and the available facilities for education.

The Maan Governorate, he said, now has 14,739 male and



female students receiving education at the hand of 832 teachers in 73 schools.

The director said that 27 of the xisting schools are owned by the Ministry of Education and the rest are rented buildings; but it is hoped that students will be taught in government-owned schools by the beginning of the coming scholastic year.

The director of the Ministry of Education's financial department accompanied the minister on his

Badran urges increased food production

AMMAN (Petra) — Minister of Agriculture Adnan Badran Wednesday urged departments of agriculture around the country to help Jordan ensure food security and encourage further production ment Bank to the Royal Scientific Society (RSS). The grant will help establish an experimental

of cereals, and lean meat. In view of the growing population in Jordan, the country has no alternative but to intensify its efforts to promote the agricultural sector and help farmers produce all that is needed for local

approved appointment of Issam Budeir and Jack Khayyat as consumption, the minister said at meeting held at the ministry. members representing the private Badran said that not only has sector to serve on a committee the country to produce more but ought to be made to earn rements in the Kingdom. They will venues far exceeding the amounts to pay for imported food sup-

Badran requested all department directors and agricultural engineers to help implement the directives of His Majesty King Hussein as contained in the letter of designation to the prime minister upon the formation of the new Cahinet, These, he said call for introducing measures to protect agricultural land, organising production at agricultural nurseries, solving marketing problems, re-

ment and other ioputs, and revising the current cropping system.
The minister also stressed the need to increase cooperation between the ministry and its various departments on the one hand, and

ducing the cost of farming equip-

the private sector on the other. The Ministry of Agriculture, he said, will not be a rival to the private sector but will rather serve as a party that offers facilities and proper investment climates.

The minister asked the directors to prepare reports which contain specific proposals that would help the overall revision

Also on Wednesday, Badran met with Australia's Ambassador to Jordan Graham Robert Bowker. They discussed bilateral cooperation in the production of animal feed and promoting an Australian-sponsored fodder pro-

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Three with one stone - the Israeli game

THE ISRAELI explanation for the latest upsurge of violence and mounting Palestinian casualties in the occupied territories goes that it stems from religious passions during the Holy Month of Ramadan, a show of influence by rival Palestinian gronpings and a pressure tactic hy the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO). Trust the Israelis to point to anything but truth and reality. If anything, the sheer number of Palestinian casualties during the last two weeks underlines the fact that the Israeli army is having a field day. particularly in the occupied Gaza Strip, where violence is described as "out of control." The situation in the thickly-populated coastal strip cannot be seen in isolation from the political developments in the overall Palestinian problem since it takes little imagination to realise that the Liknd leaders who dominate the Israeli government are trying to shoot down three birds with one shot; first, they are pursuing an effort to make good their promises to quell the intifada in less than six months after taking office; second, to stifle the voice of resistance as much as possible before moving any forward from their stuhborn negotiating position, and third, but not the least, to intimidate the Palestinians into accepting the Israeli version of a solution to the problem.

The chest-thumping assertion of the Israeli general in Gaza, Yitzhak Mordechai, that the occupation army will outlast the Palestinians demonstrating in the streets is anything but naive since it reflects the twisted thinking of the Israeli leadership. But, the significance of Mordechai's words sinks in wheo seen in the light of the call by an Israeli minister to give Jewish settlers the licence to kill Palestinians in the occupied territories. To be sure, the Israeli leaders are indeed encouraged by the finding of recent opinion polls that a majority of Israelis want tougher measures to extinguish the uprising. Very conveniently forgotten in the bargain is the fact that the polls also found that an Israeli majority is calling for dialogue with the PLO. But then, the Israeli leaders are only moving true to form in absorbing what suits them best and discarding what doesn't.

The overall picture, seen against the hackdrop of the foot-dragging by the Israeli leadership in peace efforts, is one of increased bloodshed and violence and is not exactly bright for Palestinian lives in the occupied territories. The Israelis are moving fast, trying to preempt events and situations unfavourable to them while leaving the international community as helpless hystanders. Let us warn and be warned; time is the essence in the Middle East equation, and any delay, whether from the PLO, the Arabs, the U.S., the European Community, the non-aligned world or any other concerned party with influence plays right into Israel's waiting arms.

JORDAN PRESS EDITORIALS

Al Ra'i daily newspaper on Wednesday reflected on the Jordanian family's observation of the 36th anniversary of His Majesty King Hussein's assumption of his constitutional powers. Through these powers the King was able to bring about a real cohesion among the members of the Jordanian family and to holster ties between the leadership and people, said the paper. Over the past 36 years the Jordanian people were aware of the fact that King, through his endeavours and continued work and dedication to serve his nation, was able to overcome the numerous bardships that confronted the nation, the paper added. The true relationship between the leader and his people, noted the paper, was underlined at the monarch's meetings with notables from various provinces of Jordan over the past few days. It said that the Jordanian people take pride in their Kingdom's achievements over the past 36 years under King Hussein who continues to play a leading oational role to serve his nation at all levels.

A columnist in Al Ra'i daily supports the formation of the oewly created national committee for the protection of consumers but says its role should not be confined to preaching people on ways of handling their own lives. Salah Abdul Samad says that what consumers need is guidance on the most proper means for protecting their interests on the one hand and the real manipulators and dishonest merchants to avoid any dealings with them on the other. It is premature to say how successful this committee will be hut it is hoped that its members will help the consumers hy providing information about prices and about ways to discover those merchants and dealers who are likely to cheat the public, the writer notes. Abdul Samad expresses the view that the committee will be in great need of help from the ministries of industry and trade and suppy, which can provide information about quality and price of various commodities and will be in need of the media through which its mission can be carried through the members of the public.

Al Dustour daily discussed King Hussein's meetings with notables representing the Governorate of Irbid at the Royal Court Monday. It said that the meeting reaffirms the King's policy of maintaining open channels of communication with his people to know about their needs and their grievances and to help achieve their aspirations. The King's conversations with the representatives of people and his consultations with them about the future steps are bound to give a new impetus to the march towards development and modernisation, the paper added. The paper reiterated the King's statement in which he stressed that the hurden is heavy but would seem lighter if all citizens participated in shouldering it with responsibility and confidence.

Too many players, but only one loser

By P.V. Vivekanand

MY BOOK of philosophy classifies problems as: 60 per cent will just fade away if you just leave them alone; 20 per cent will be solved if you put io an effort; 10 per ceot need a real, hard effort; that leaves the final 10 per cent which will remain unresolved no matter how hard you try. The only problem that lingers is how you classify your problems.

It would appear that the Afghan problem beloogs to the final category; or at least that is the impression that one gets from the shape of things in the region after the much-heralded Soviet military withdrawal from Afghanistan after 10 years of bloodshed which, hy most estimates, claimed over a million Afghan lives.

The Soviet-backed government of President Najibullah has confounded Western predictions hy making good its vow to defend itself against the Mujahedeen. Najibullah, having reinstated the "Allah" part of his name after relinquishing it for some time, is seeking to portray himself as a devout Muslim and alternately extending an olive branch and a gun to the rehels, whose religious fervour had always painted the Afghan conflict as a "Muslim vs. commies" war rather than a superpower proxy battle. Najibullah, obviously aware of the dire consequences of a false step, is also trying frantically to hring in deeper international involvement in the draconian task of mediating the Kahul-Mujahedeen rift; hence, his open accusations, well-founded or otherwise, of direct Pakistani military involvement in his be-

leaguered country.

On the rehel side, little seems to be going right. Disorganised as they are, infights and power struggles mark their "holy war" against the "kufar" in Kabul. Gone are their hopes pinned on toppling Najibullah in a matter of weeks after the Soviet pullout. The assault on the eastern city of Jalalahad with the aim of capturing a strategic prize has gone awry. International recognition is also hard to come by for their government-in-exile. One can understand the bitterness they feel towards the Kahul regime for the swath of blood in Afghanistan, but no one seems to have convinced them enough is enough and it is time to forget and forgive, at least for the sake of their brothers and sisters who survived the slaughter.

Those pulling the strings in Moscow and Washington are trying hard to safeguard their own interests. All indications are that the Soviet Union, having paid a very heavy price for its military involvement, wants a political solution which will, as the bottom line, ensure that whoever is in power in Kabul does not transform the country into a staunch anti-Soviet satellite. Moscow is more than willing to foot at least half the cost involved in rehuilding Afghanistan, if only to avoid a devoted anti-Communist pro-Western regime assuming power in Kahul. Worse still for Moscow is the prospect of rigid Islamic fundamentalists rearing their head to its south-west and adding to the roars of the Iranian hrand of religious fundamentalism coming from further west. At stake for the Soviet Union is also diplomatic rapprochemeot with Saudi Arabia and other Islamic states, which saw Moscow's

involvement in Afghanistan as an impediment to better ties. In Washington, American policymakers seem baffled over what to do oext. Indeed, they want to capitalise on the Soviet exit from Afghanistan and ensure that their almost unlimited aid and assistance to the Mnjahedeen throughout the years does oot go to waste; a sure prospect if Najibullah and company retains the reins of power with a "national reconciliation" between the ruling People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan and the Mnjahedeeo alliance based in Pakistan. American predictions of an easy fall of Najibuliah have proved wrong and oow Washington faces the not-too-enviable task of trying to tame the tiger it has hy the tail since the Mujahedeen are sending unmistakable growls of independent thinking to their Western supporters.

Caught in-between the superpowers and its own national interests and hurdens, Pakistan is grappling with a deep split between the political and military establishments as to what approach to adopt. The government of Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto is anxious to get it over with and see the return home of the two and odd million Afghan refugees so that Islamahad can turn its full attention to remodelling and rehnilding Pakistan and consolidating its new-found democracy. The Pakistani military appears to have a different view of things. It cannot afford to impart an impression of being weak, particularly that the Indians are flexing their muscles to the east. By the same token, the military leaders in Pakistan are anxious to ensure that the U.S. will maintain some semblance of the level of defence assistance to Pakistan as it used to at the height of the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan. So, the scenario warrants that the Americans get what they want in Afghanistan, or at least what the Pakistani military can contribute without ruffling too many political

The Iranians are stuck with their own share of Afghan refugees as well as Shi'ite "Jihad" fighters who seem to agree on nothing with their Pakistan-based Sunni counterparts except that Najibullah should go. It is difficult to gauge the extent of Iran's vested interests in Afghanistan, if indeed there are any at this point in time in light of the improved Soviet-Iranian ties. But Tehran is sure to pitch in and throw a big spanner in the American works if the Afghan rebels based in Iran score any kind of a military victory against Kabul. Precisely the reason why the Americans are wary of extending any meaningful help to rebels further than the Afghan side of the border with Iran.

The United Nations, having worked hard to produce the Geneva accords that led to the Soviet withdrawal from Afghanistan, has now been turned to another hystander, particularly after the Mujahedeen let off broadside salvoes against its efforts to resurrect an Afghanistan hased on a traditional communal leadership structure. Its call for "national reconciliation" and appeal for a broad-based government in Kabul have been rejected out of hand by the Mujahedeen. Well, it is only logical that the U.N. being the neutral world organisation that it is, has to draw a line and pull back when it reaches a point where it is forced to take sides before going any further. Needless to say, even at this point, its call for a broad government can easily be construed as pro-Soviet since it is precisely the kind of solution that Moscow has been calling for.

If anything, the appeals that the U.N. relief agencies have been issuing for urgeot food to feed needy Afghans in Kabul are indicative of the diminishing political role the world body plays in the quagmire.

Where does the Arab and Islamic support for the Mujahedeen fit into this scenario? Religious considerations apart, it was easy to understand and appreciate the wholehearted support from some Arah states for the Mujahedeen throughout the years since the threat was ever present of the Russian bear changing its direction and heading towards the strategic Arabian Gulf as long as Soviet policy continued to be steered by hardcore traditionalist Communist leaders in Moscow. Though it is difficult to ignore the wisdom that "old hahits die hard," it is safe to say that the Soviet Union under Mikhail Gorbachev is not exactly eager to embark on another military adventure so soon after the Afghan debacle. Beset with internal unrest and preoccupied as they are with fundamental reforms in Moscow. Kremlin strategists need no reminders that it would be too expensive to entertain, let alone pursue, any military designs on the oil or the consequent strategic value of the Arabian Gulf.

Overlooked in the entire bargain is the plight of the millions of Afghan civilians who fled their homes and lands to escape the fighting and now live in squalid refugee camps in neighbouring countries. From all accounts, a majority of them could not care less who assumes power in Kabul as long as they are left to their devices to plough their land or whatever and make a living. Recently in Delhi, I asked an anti-Soviet Afghan demonstrator what exactly was he demonstrating for: "Don't ask me," he said in broken Urdu. "My family was assured of a midday meal after this rally, and that is why I am holding this banner," which, incidentally, read "death to Gorbachev" in English.

"Of course I want to go hack," he said after a moment of thought. "I hope they rot in hell for the death of our millions. But that doesn't solve our problem. We have to go hack and patch up our lives. But they are hloodthirsty."

Who are "they"? I asked.

There was no hesitation. "The Russians, the Americans, the

Mujahedeen, the fowj (government soldiers), every last one of them. The Russians help the fowj and the Americans help the Mujaheds. Who gets killed? The fowji and the Mujahed. I wish they leave us Afghans alone to settle our problems among

ourselves." I rest my case.

Figures from turbulent past still active in Turkish politics

By John Owen-Davies Reuters

ANKARA — Major political figures from Turkey's turbulent past are looking confidently to the future as Prime Minister Turgut Ozal struggles to hold his ruling Motherland Party together.

Suleymao Demirel, prime minister for 10 of the years betweeo 1965 and 1980 and twice ousted by the army, once again has the scent of victory.

Also hack in the reckoning are staunch anti-Communist Alpaslan Turkes. Muslim fundamentalist Necmettio Erbakan and Social Democrat Bulent Ecevit, who became a national hero when he sent troops to Cyprus in 1974.

Ozal came to power in 1983, three years after a military coup. The 1980 coup was launched to end extremist political violence in the late 1970s which claimed more than 5,000 lives.

Demirel, who was among many politicians held by the army after the coup, is hoping to cash in on a humiliating defeat for Ozal's Motherland Party in local elections in March.

"Mr. Ozal's days are numbered. He cannot last much longer," said Demirel, pursuing a campaign for early general elec-

The Motherland won just over a fifth of the national vote in the municipal polls, trailing hehind Demirel's centre-right True Path Party and the Social Democrat Populist Party (SHP). Demirel, 64, said that about 100 deputies in Ozal's factional-

ised party were members of his old Justice Party and were ready to rejoin him.

All pre-1980 parties were dis-solved by the military, which allowed only three new parties to contest the general elections in

1983.
"I don't have any ill-feeling for the military and the military does not have any ill-feeling for me," Demirel told Reuters. "I am a democrat. I believe in the power of the people. I love my people. That is the reason for my suc-

In a country where two-thirds of the electorate regularly votes right of centre, Demirel, who now controls 58 seats in the 450member parliament, helieves early general elections would work

to his advantage.

He firmly ruled out cooperation with Ozal, 61, his former protege, saying: "I would not do a deal with him ... we are not frieods now. We just exchange

Demirel was asked if he would once again offer cabinet jobs to Turkes and Erbakan to help to ensure a workahle government, as he did in 1977 when both were deputy premiers.

"I don't think there will be a necessity," he replied, adding that their right-wing parties were unlikely to poll the 10 per cent of the vote needed to gain parliamentary seats.

Senior Western diplomats, some of whom have beaten a path to Demirel's office since the March polls, said he had already

started talks with Turkes, now in his 70s.

Erbakan, 63, and to an extent Turkes, are anathema to the army which regards itself as guardian of the democratic and secular vision of modern Turkey's founder, Mustafa Kemal Ata-

Erbakan's Welfare Party (RP) took 9.8 per ceot of the vote in March, followed by Ecevit's Democratic Left Party with 8.9 per ceot and Turkes's Nationalists with 4.1 per ceot.

Such small but significant supmajor parties to gain a parliamentary majority, for which about one-third of the national vote is

Turkes is identified with the Grey Wolves, an underground rightist group hlamed for some of the fiercest extremist street bat-

tles of the 1970s.

"In the 1970s, universities in Turkey were organised for a Communist uprising," Turkes told Reuters late last year.
"Communism is an ideology.

Only a stronger ideology cao beat it, heoce the setting up of the Grey Wolves. But it was infiltrated by intelligence agents and the fighting started," he said. The Grey Wolf is the symbol of Tur-

1974 after a short-lived Greekinspired coup in Nicosia, sees himself as standard-bearer of

Turkey's true Social Democrats. He alternated three times as prime minister with Demirel io

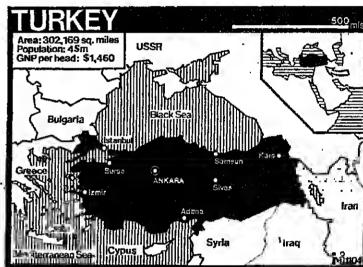
the 1970s during a period of weak

coalitioo governments and has refused to enter any deal with the SHP, which embraces leftists. But most political eyes are on Demirel, who draws massive crowds in the countryside.

"I am not saying that I never made mistakes," said Demirel, forced into a humiliating foreign debt rescheduling in 1979-80.

Asked if his return would worry foreign bankers, he said: kish oationalism.

Ecevit, 64, who ordered Turkish troops into north Cyprus in 1974 after a short-lived Great. fact that everybody should do as they want, and we have great respect for ownership."



Sudan needs democracy to survive'

By Jim Shevis

WASHINGTON - The majority of Sudanese people, both north-erners and southerners, believe that without democracy the country cannot stand, Sudan Times chief editor Bona Malwal told a National Endowment for Democracy (NED) panel here May 1.

"The country - with all its problems, or in spite of them must move toward greater democratisation because in democracy lies the future and the hopes of

the Sudan," he said.

Malwal said he has "no illusions that the way ahead is easy."
But he said he believes the current government headed by Prime Minister Sadeq Al Mahdi

has come to realise it must recognise these principles.

"The idea of pluralism and democracy seems to be so intertwined in the experience of Sudan that, if that country has a chance to survive as a nation, it will have to accept pluralism and democra-cy as the bases for national unity," he said.

A former member of Sudan's parliament as well as a former minister of culture and information and of industry and finance in Sudan's southern region, Malwal spent a year in detention under the Numeiri regime for political reasons. In his introduction of Malwal, moderator Eddie N. Williams, a member of NED's board of directors, noted that Malwal's newspaper has been among the leaders in the struggle for human rights in Sudan.

Malwal appeared on one of several regional panel discussions on democratic changes and pressures for change taking place throughout the world. The world survey examined countries in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Caribhean, and Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union.

"It is difficult to say where Sudan fits in the democratic movement of the world, or even of Africa because, even though the people of Sudan have demonstrated over the last 34 years of independence their choice is

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democracy, at least twice, perhaps more, that yearning for democracy has been subverted by what I call the centralists, the people who want to keep the status quo which colonialism had left the Sudan in," Malwal said.

There's been a cycle of power brokers that "we hope strong democratic nations like the United States would help us hreak out of," he said.

"We have spent our young life as a nation changing from military dictatorship into multiparty democracy, the third experiment of which is the one we are in right now.

It has not been easy for democratic activists to keep alive the

ideal of diversity and pluralism in Sudan, Malwal said. A poor country, with nearly one million square miles and nine neighbouring countries, most of which have their own problems, Sudan has had two bloody civil wars as well as fluctuations between military dictatorship and democratic rule.

he ooted. He paid tribute to the conference's organisers for their efforts to sustain the world democratic revolution. "Those of us who sit in the darkness in our part of the world feel so distant and so far away from the democratic world that it helps to be occasionally in a governing democracy as we are this morning" — USIA.

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Les Etats-Unis menacent l'OMS

Le secrétaire d'Etat améri-cain à memoré lundi de couper les fonds à l'Organisation mon-daile de le santé (OMS), si l'OLP y était admise comme Hat membre. James Baker a rappelé que les Erat-Unis étaient catégoriquement opposés à une telle éventualite, qui selon hi causerair "du nort" an processus de paix au Proche-Orient ainsi qu'an "système des Nations-Unies". L'ambassadeur de la Ligne arabe à Washington à qualifié mardi de "profondément re-grettables" les déclarations de M. Baker, qui font suite à la tiemande d'adhésion à l'OMS formulée par l'OLP. La contribution américaine à l'Organisation mondiale de la santé est estimée à près de 74 millions de dollars pour 1990, soit le quart du budget ordinaire de l'organisation.

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Le ministre sud-véménite des Affaires étrangères, M. Abdel Aziz Dali, a affirmé lundi au Caire que son pays souhaitait se joindre à la Jordanie, l'Egypte, l'Irak et le Yémen du Nord au sein du Conseil de coopération arabe (CCA). La déclaration de M. Aziz Dali faisait suite à un entretien de plus de deux heures avec son homologue égyptien, M. Esmat Abdel Meguid.

Appel au cessez-le-feu au Soudan

Le colonel John Garang, com-mandant en chef de l'Armée populaire de libération du Soudan (SPLA) a appelé lundi le gouvernement de Khartoum à observer un cessez-le-feu tout au long du mois de mai. Favorable à des négociations avec le pouvoir, le colouel Garang a assorti son offre de plusieurs conditious dont l'absence de mouvement de troupes pendant la trêve.

Il était une fois Sergio Leone

- Le cinéaste italien Sergio Leone, père du "western spaguetti", est décédé d'une crise cardiaque dimanche à Rome. Né en 1929, il avait débuté trente ans s plus tard dans le septieme art en réalisant un peptient "Les det niers jours de Pompel". Dans Jes années 1960, il avait donné un nouveau souffle au western, alors en perte de vitesse. L'heure du triomphe devait sonner en 1968 avec "Il était une fois dans qu'il poursuivit avec "Il était une fois la révolution" (1971), puis "Il était une fois l'Amérique (1984). Depuis, Sergio Leone s'était lancé dans un ambitieux projet: une reconstitution de la bataille de Stalingrad.

"Une ville d'Iran envahle par des papillons

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Des milliers de papillons mig-rateurs ont envahi le week-end deinier une petite ville du nordest de l'Iran, proche de la frontière soviétique. La densité d'in-sectes a considérablement gêné la circulation dans la nuit de dimanche à lundi. Selon des agronomes iraniens, la sécheresse du printemps pourrait être à l'origine de ce "raid inopiné"...

Le perroquet interdit de séjour au Koweit

Psittacida non grata. Le Koweit vient d'interdire l'introduction et l'élevage du perroquet à l'interieur de ses frontières. Motif: ce drôle d'oiseau est susceptible de véhiculer sous ses imes plusieurs virus transmissiplus nux poulets d'élevages, qui représentent 40% de la consommation locale.

Sheffield: Liverpool rejoue

Liverpool a accepté de rejouer nche prochain sa demi-finale de coupe d'Angleterre de football intre Nottingham Forest, inter-impue le 15 avril à Sheffield, par mort de 95 spectateurs. La descontre se disputera sur la pelouse de l'OLD Trafford à

Un poid lourd aul pèse 22 millions de dollars

Le bozeur américain Mike Tyson, champion de monde des poids lourds, ne bat pas que ses adversaires; il pulvérise aussi les prix. Avec la somme astronomique de 22,133,333 dollars de gains en 1988, il est sans conteste sportif le plus payé de la planete. Le rapport entre les "salaires" et le temps passé sur les rings constitue lui aussi un record. Le cogneur new-yorkais a accimulé son magot en trois rencontres, soit sept rounds. Qui dit mieux?

Fêtes... et devoirs

Jour J moins deux pour la fin copieux petit déjeuner, traditiondu Ramadan. Dès samedi, l'immense majorité des Jordaniens renouera avec l'authentique petit déjeuner et surtout avec le repas de la mi-journée. Fête gastrono-mique, "Id al-Fittar" rime aussi avec devoirs familiaux et déjà pour certains avec préparation du pélerinage à la Mecque, en juillet prochain.

"Samedi sera un jour de grandes réjouissances". A l'instar de plus de 90% des Jordaniens, Ahmed, employé de banque à Amman, attend désormais avec impatience le premier jour de l'après Ramadan. An terme de vingt-neuf jours de jeune, il va célébrer le "Id al-Saghir" (petite fête) ou "Id al-Fittar," comme on l'appelle ici. Une manifestation qui demeure l'une des plus honorées de l'Islam et qui se traduira par trois jours de congés pour les salariés du Royaume.

"La journée débutera aux alentours de 5h30 par une prière spéciale à la mosquée", explique Fouad J. al-Kayed, du ministère des Affaires religieuses. Rares seront ceux qui manqueront ce premier rendez-vous collectif. 'On retrouvera les amis, souligne Ahmed, et ce sera à qui portera les plus beaux habits.

La féte ne fera alors que commencer. Une fois rentré chez soi, chacun s'installera devant un

36 ans de règne

Hussein, l'infatigable

Du Caire à Bagdad, en passant par les capitales du Golfe, le roi Hussein n'a cessé depuis son accession effective au trône, le 2 nation arabe. La dynamique du au Proche-Orient, fait sans donte de lui le leader le mieux placé pour jouer le rôle de médiateur et parfois de guide au service des intérêts des pays arabes.

Echappant à une dizaine d'attentats, le roi Hussein a su esquiver les foudres égyptiennes qui menaçaient son trône dans les années 1950 et 1960, à la suite notamment de la prise du pouvoir au Caire par Nasser. Evénement qui devait provoquer la chute de

Ocuvrant sans cesse pour la réconciliation des frères ennemis irakien et syrien, il a été et reste, an côté de l'Arabie Saoudite, L'artisan du rapprochement en cours entre Damas et le Caire et de la réintegration progressive de l'Egypte au sein de la Ligue arabe. Donnant le ton, Amman a été la première à renouer avec le de novembre 1987, réuni dans la au moins de la carte maitresse: capitale jordanienne, a en effet Israël. admis que le rétablissement des relations diplomatiques avec

ensuite les effusions familiales. 'Les parents et les enfants s'embrassent et se félicitent de leurs jeunes respectifs", précise Fouad al-Kayed. Point culminant du "Id al-Fit-

nellement précédé d'une bénédic-

tion, "Id Moubarak." Viendront

tar": le repas de midi. "Chez presque tout le monde, on manera un mansaf, le plat national jordanien", poursuit-il. On le dégustera en famille ou on le partagera avec les voisins et les amis, comme c'est encore le cas dans de nombreux villages. Parmi les invités figurent sonvent quelques musiciens, qui amorcent un début de fête villageoise.

A l'exultation, se mèle le devoir familial. "La fin du jeûne doit s'accompagner pour tout musulman d'une pensée pour sa famille, au sens le plus large du terme," insiste Fouad al-Kayed. Une pensée active, qui commande de rendre visite à ses parents, ses frères et soeurs ... "Je dois aller saluer cinquante personnes, explique Ahmed. Depuis ma mère, qui babite près de Tafileh, jusqu'à des cousins de Salt". Sans oublier, à chaque voyage, d'offrir un pen d'argent à ceux qui en ont plus besoin.

A Amman, vous aurez peutêtre la chance de découvrir ici ou là un embryon de fête foraine.

mai 1953, de déployer ses efforts pour réunifier et consolider la souverain hachémite, jointe à sa longue expérience de la politique

la monarchie irakienne en 1958.

l'Egypte relevait de la souveraineté de chaque Etat.

Sollicité par les Etats-Unis et Israel pour des négociations directes dans le cadre d'un règlement du conflit israélo-arabe, le monarque jordanien a provoqué, en rompant avec la Cisjordanie, le coup de théâtre d'Alger où l'OLP a reconnu les résolutions 242 et 338 du Conseil de sécurité de l'ONU. Lancé au sommet d'Amman, son slogan pour la compréhension et l'entente s'est concrétisé par une attitude arabe unifiée en faveur d'une conférence internationale de paix. Sa dernière initiative unitaire réside dans la création du Conseil de coopération arabe (CCA). Le roi Hussein y voit les jalons d'un marché commun, à l'instar de la

L'étape la plus importante pour y parvenir demeure la réalisation de la paix, qui bute toujours sur le refus catégorique d'Israël de reconnaitre l'OLP et de négocier avec elle. La balle est autourd'hui dans le camp américain. Si les Etats-Unis ne détiennent pas 99% des cartes dn Proche-Orient, comme l'indi-Caire. C'est sous l'impulsion du quait l'ancien président égyptien roi Hussein que le sommet arabe Anouar al-Sadale, ils disposent

Voitures d'occasion transformées en luxueuses limousines

Nabil Rached.

La visite de Yasser Arafat à Paris

Clarification et caducité

"d'utile et répssi" son entretien de plus d'une heure et demi avec François Mitterrand, mardi à Paris. Le président français a pour sa part indiqué sa "satisfaction" tout en demandant au chef de l'OLP de clarifier la position de la centrale palestinienne sur le droit à l'existence d'Israël. M. Arafat devait également rencon-trer Michel Rocard hier après-

Le président François Mitterrand a donné acte mardi à Yasser Arafat du tournant amorcé par l'LOP depuis novembre 1988 en faveur d'un règlement pacifique du conflit israélo-palestinien. Premier chef d'Etat d'un pays membre du Conseil de sécurité de l'ONU à recevoir officiellement le leader de la centrale palestinienne, M. Mitterrand a néanmoins précisé à son interlocuteur que la communauté internationale attendait de lui un certain nombre de clarifications avant de l'agréer totalement.

Le président français a ainsi noté, selon le porte-parole de l'Elysée, que "le maintien en vigueur de la Charte de l'OLP, adoptée en 1964, était contraire en des points importants au programme politique adopté le 15 novembre dernier par le Conseil national palestinien d'Alger".

Damas-le Caire: sur la voie du dialogue

Les présidents égyptien et syrien pourraient se rencontrer lundi prochain en Arabie Saoudite à l'occasion de la visite de vingt-quatre beures que M. Moubarak doit effectuer dans ce pays, à l'invitation du roi Fahd. Damas, qui avait rompu ses relations diplomatiques avec le Caire en 1977, se montre en effet dispose depuis quelques mois à entamer un véritable rapprochement. La semaine dernière, le ministre syrien des Affaires étrangères, M. Farouk al-Chareh, avait notamment indiqué que son pays était prêt à xaminer la réintégration de Egypte au sein de la Ligue au cours du sommet arabe extraordinaire prévu au Maroc avant la fin du mois (Le Jourdain des 27 et 28 avril). L'éeventualité d'un têle-à-tête entre les deux chefs d'Etat avait été evoqnée début avril par un quotidien de Qatar. "Al Raya" affirmait alors qu'Hafez Al Assad avait fait parvenir un message à Hosni Moubarak. dans lequel il se disait disposé à le rencontrer dans "un pays

tiers". (D'après agences).

Position qui répond aux préoccupations d'Israel et de la diaspora juive, qui estiment que ce document stipule la destruction

par étapes de l'Etat bébren. Selon le chef de l'OLP, la cbarte fondamentale palestinien-ne est "dépassée de fait". Une 'caducité" que Yasser Arafat a affirmée et répétée tout au long des entretiens qu'il a eus pendant deux jours avec les responsables politiques français. Qualifiant "d'utile et réussi" son téte-à-tête avec François Mitterrand, il a également estimé que cette ren-contre devrait "donner une nouvelle impulsion" à un règlement pacifique du conflit israélo-

Yasser Arafat a été recu mardi après-midi par le ministre des Affaires étrangères, Roland Dumas, puis par le premier secrétaire du Parti socialiste, Pierre Mauroy. Après ses rencontres hier matin avec une délégation du Parti communiste, puis de parlementaires français, il devait s'entretenir avec le premier ministre, Michel Rocard.

Grande absente de la visite officielle du chef de l'OLP, l'opposition a critiqué l'initiative du président Mitterrand. L'ancien premier ministre, Jacques Chirac, a estimé lundi depuis Bostou que "clé du mouvement pour la paix au Proche-Orient ne passe pas par l'OLP mais par le chef du

Le général Aoun a prononcé hier la dissolution de la Chambre des opérations maritimes (COM). Sa création, qui visait à empêcher l'accès des ports tenus par les milices pro-syriennes, est à l'origine desregains de violences qui ont fait 292 morts et 1276 blesses deuis le 14 mars du Liban.

En décrétant, hier, la dissolution de la Chambre des opérations maritimes, le général Aoun a fait un geste décisif pour parvenir à un cessez-le-fen au Liban, après sept semaines de violents affrontements. Son cabinet avait mis le feu aux poudres, début mars, en instaurant, via la COM, un blocus sur les trois ports tenus par les milices pro-syrieunes au

sud de Beyroutb. Ce contrôle maritime privait les partisans du gouvernement de Salim Hoss de l'une de ses principales sonrces de financement. En riposte, l'artillerie, déploye dans les regions sous contrôle syrien, a bombardé quotidiennement le littoral du pays ehrêtien pour empêcher toute approache des ports de Beyrouth et de jounieh, tenus par la milice des forces libanaises alliée du chef du

20uvernement israélien Yizhak Šbamir". Valery Giscard d'Estaing s'est quant à lui borné à "regretter" le caractère officiel de l'événement.

Quoi qu'il en soit, ce voyage de quarante-buit beures à Paris represente une nouvelle victoire diplomatique de l'OLP. Victoire qui donne de nouveaux arguments aux pacifistes israéliens. Bien que M. Shamir l'ait qualifiée "d'atteinte à l'amitié entre Israël et la France", la rencontre Arafat-Mitterrand a fait encore prog-resser la reconnaissance de la centrale palestinienne comme interlocuteur véritable. Elle place le gouvernement de Tel Aviv dans une situation inconfortable au moment même où les Etats-Unis lui demandent de fournir une présentation détaillée, sous deux mois, de sa proposition d'élections dans les territoires occupés. (D'après agences).

Le représentant personnel de Yasser Arafat au Liban, Issam Salem, a été grièvement blessé mardi à Saïda par une rafale de fusil-mitrailleur. L'attentat, qui n'a pas été revendiqué, est intervenu quelques heures seulement après l'arrivée du leader de l'OLP à Paris. Un autre responsable du Fatha, principale formation de la centrale palestinienne, a été abattu mercredi dans la même ville.

Aoun fait un geste

effectif à partir de vendredi midi.

gouvernement chrêtien.

La COM restait l'obstacle prinjeudi denier, et qui aurait au être tenir ses engagements"

Le conseil des minsitres de la Ligue avait, en outre, spécifié que le cessez-le-feu impliquait la levée des blocus de toutes sortes imposés par les belligérants ainsi que l'envoi d'un corps d'observateurs arabes. Les partis prosyriens, quant à eux, avaient réaffirmé lundi dans un communiqué, qu'ils faisaient dépendre la fin des combats de la suspension de l'ac-tivité de la COM. La décision du général Aoun pourrait donc débloquer le plan de "pacification" proné par la Ligue arabe.

L'application du cessez-le-fen devrait permettre, en outre, l'accostage du pêtrober Penhors, bloqué au large de Beyronth depuis lundi par les duels d'artilleries. Le navire français doit approvisionner en fuel la centrale électrique de Zonk, au nord de Bevronth et le trminal de Zahrani, au sud de la caitale. L'usine de Zouk, qui alimente plus de 2, millions de Libannais, ne fonetionne que trois beures par jour et attend encore 10 000 des 15 000 tonnes de carburant, offertes par CEE, pour reprendre un fonctionnement normal. M. Salim Hoss, soutenu

par la Syrie, avait présenté ses cipal à l'application du cessez-le- excuses à la CEE, lundi, "pour feu demandé par la Ligue arabe avoir été dans l'impossibilité de

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A: Installerons. B: Manère première des musiciens; dans le calendrier romain. C: Attrapés; ancienne monnaie. D: Spécialité; pronom personnel. E: Empire de l'antomobile; homme en argot. F: Le temps d'une révolution. G: Peut être douce ou raide. H: En bonne place sur l'étalage du boucher. I: Forme d'être; période; article. J: Pronom personnel;

(Solution ci-dessous)

SORTIR

Ramadan

Premier marché international



"La Palestine", la Tunisie, le Pakistan participent jusqu'au week end prochain au premier marché international d'Amman, qui se tient an "Centre d'exposition" sur la route de l'aéroport. Au côté des exposants jordaniens, les ambassades des trois "pays invités" proposent quelques uns de leurs produits locaux. A défaut de trouver son bonheur culinaire, vestimentaire ou mobilier auprès de l'un ou l'autre des quelque cents exposants, on peut utilement s'arrêter au stand de l'ambassade de Palestine... et découvrir la culture de l'Intifada: Pommes de terre hérissées de clous, pierres (qui remplacent parfois les pompons des keffiehs) et autres "armes", symboles du soulèvement palestinien dans les territoires occupés (notre photo). On peut également faire une halte devant une grande scène, installée au centre de l'immense bangar, et écouter les gronpes folkloriques qui s'y produisent chaque soir devant plus de 10.000 spectateurs. On peut enfin noter dans son agenda que le Centre international abritera le 10 juin une exposition militaire, à l'occasion de l'anniversaire de l'armée du royaume, et que s'y tiendra du 20 juillet au 20 août une "funny cars exhibition" d'une cinquantaine de voitures européennes et ameficaines revues et corrigées par les caprices de leurs propriétaires.

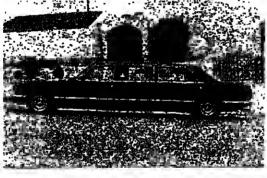
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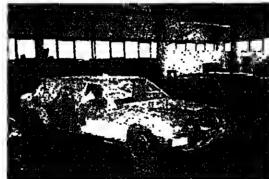
sion, réfrigérateur, téléphone ... Deonis un an et demi. l'entreprise Fast antomobile transforme de "simples" Mercedes en limousine de cinq á six mètres de long. Sa principale clientèle: les richissimes familles des pays du Golfe, mais aussi la haute société jordanienne, qui lui confie la répara-tion ou le "lifting" de ses voitures.

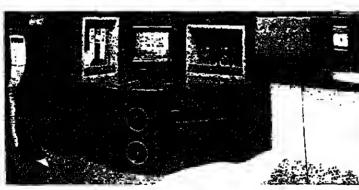
Prenez une Mercedes de n'importe quel modèle et coupez-la franchement en deux. Préparez ensuite une troisième pièce, d'un mètre de long, comprenant deux portières, un chassis et un toit. Placez-la entre les deux morceaux du véhicule initial, et assemblezles. Ajoutez encore à l'intérieur deux banquettes en vis-à-vis, puis encastrez comme bon vous semble un bar avec comptoir en bois, une télévision, un téléphone, une chaîne hi-fi et, si ça vous tente, un mini-réfrigérateur. Liez enfin le tout avec un bean cuir ou un velour de la meilleure qualité.

La recette de la limousine n'a plus de secret pour la société Fast. Depuis fin 1987, elle fait même la fortune de cette petite entreprise familiale, installée sur la zone industrielle du wadi Sir. A la cadence de deux métamorphoses par mois, l'atelier des Khoury Père et fils a pris désormais son rythme de croisière. Atont maître de la compagnie: l'absence totale de concurrence régionale. "Nous sommes les sculs à proposer un tel service au Proche-Orient, sinon même an Moyen-Orient", sonligne Maurice S. Khoury, qui, à 25 ans, cumule les fouctions de viceprésident de la société et de responsible de la bonne marche

de l'usine. Créée par son père en octobre 1986, la sociéte ne s'est lancée dans cette aventure qu'un an plus tard. "A l'origine, nous vouhous ouvrir un garage plus sophistiqué que ceux qui existent en Jordame, poursuit Maurice Khoury. Avec 25 ans d'expérience au Liban derrière nous, le pari ne comportait pas trop de risques"...







D'autant moins d'ailleurs que cette famille palestinienne de Jérusalem s'était déjà taillé une sobde réputation dans le secteurs de l'industrie antomobile, via le groupe Elba, spécialisé dans la constructions de poids lourds et accessoirement de bungalows.

Passer dn semi-remorque à la limousine n'avait cependant rien d'évident. "Nous avons franchi le pas à la suite de la visite d'un expert ouest-allemand en voitures de luxe", précise le vicepresident de Fast. Ses études d'ingénierie mécanique en Grande Bretagne et aux Etats-Unis ainsi que le séjour d'une vingtaine d'années de papa en RFA ont fait le reste. Les contacts de Khoury père an Allemagne fédérale ont notamment permis de mettre rapidement sur pied l'importation des machines ad hoc et des éléments de carrosserie nécessaires à la fabrication

Munie d'une licence octroyée

par le gouvernement jordanien, qui lui doune le droit de couper les chassis des Mercedes, et rien que des Mercedes. la société s'est ensuite mise à la recherche de tous les modèles à vendre sur le marché national. "Dès le début, nous nous sommes adressés en priorité aux ambassades et aux entreprises, explique Maurice Khoury, pour acheter des véhicules de première main". D'antres voitures d'occasion, sélectionées selon les mêmes critères, ont été importées d'Allemagne.

200 000 F.

Rentabilité oblige; la compagme a dans le même temps pratiquement divisé ses effectifs ouvriers par deux. "Nous avons gardé 28 de nos 52 mécaniciens, qui ont été entrainés pendant trois mois sur les nouvelles machines,"



souligne le responsable de l'usine. Triés sur le volet, ils sont tous capables de travailler sur n'importe quelle Mercedes, des plus anciennes au modèle dernier cri. Le resultat est époustouflant. S'adaptant à leurs différentes caractéristiques, ils les resculptent comme d'autres font mumuse avec de la pâte à mod-

Leur tour de main a rapidement séduit les riches Saoudiens et Koweitiens, principanx clients de Fast et qui régulièrement se délestent de 100 000 à 200 000 francs, histoire de s'offrir une voiture un peu plus longue que les autres, doté des gadgets les plus sophistiqués, et répondant au doux nom de "Pétra 1", "Pét-ra 2" ou encore "Jérash". "Nos prix sont les plus bas du monde, soutient Maurice Khoury. En Europe ou aux Etats-Unis, les limousines coûtent au moins le

Certains se déplacent parfois

jusqu'à Amman avec l'une de leurs Mercedes "classiques" et commandent, qui sa simple transformation en limousine de cinq à six mètres de long (50 000 F.), qui avec en option la télévision, le téléphone ou encore le réfrigérateur ... "Nous pouvons répondre à pratiquement tous les souhaits", ajoute le responsable de Fast.

Voiture de chasse

A condition bien sûr que la fantaisie du client ne franchisse pas certaines limites. "Nous travaillons par exemple pour un prince saoudien qui nous a demandé de transformer son 4X4 en voiture de chasse. Nous lui installons un siège arrière surélevé pour qu'il puisse tirer du véhicule on lacher son faucon". Manifestement fou de la marque ouest-allemande, le même client a également exigè que l'avant et l'arrière de son automobile "ressemblent à une Mercedes 500".

Malgré la vogue des limousines dans le Golfe, la compagnie n'a pas abandouné sa fonction initiale d'atelier de mécanique auto, anquel la haute société jordanienne confie la réparation de ses voitures, Mercedes ou non. "Les ministres et les fonctionnaires du Palais font partie de notre clientèle", lache Maurice Khoury, qui sans nommer personne ajoute que "certains" ont fait redessiner leur BMW ou autre Volvo afin qu'elle ait la ligne d'une voiture de sport.

Le fulgurant développement de l'entreprise n'empêche pas ses propriétaires de penser déjà à de nouveaux services. "Nous espérons construire des limousines blindées, car beaucoup de gens nous le demandent', précise Maurice Khoury. En attendant, Fast s'apprète à se lancer dans la location de certains de ses modèles. "Nons avons six voitures et trois chauffeurs qui n'attendent plus que l'autorisation du gouvernement pour se mettre on

A L'AFFICHE

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La rose pourpre du Calre De Woody Allen, avec Mia Farow,

Jeff Daniels et Danny Aiello. L'extraordinaire aventure de Cécipetite ville des Etats-Unis à l'époque de la grande crise. Pour échapper à la grisaille de la vie quotidienne, elle va chaque jour au cinéma. Son film favori: "La rose poupre du Caire," une comédie romantique dont l'acteur principal s'évade un soir pour la

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"A Chacun sa vérité," d'après

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S. African weapons industry slackens

By Arthur Max The Associated Press

STOCKHOLM - The 25-yearold arms embargo against South Africa has been beaten by cheating, smuggling and legal loopboles, but it still has stunted the growth of South Africa's military, according to a book published Wednesday.

Although it claims to be selfsufficient, the South African arms industry "owes its existence to foreign technology." most of it acquired legally, according to "embargo disimplemented," a study by Signe Landgren of the Stockholm International Peace Research fustitute.

But no matter how inefficient, the embargo remained one of the few military sanctions which can be imposed against South Africa, and is valuable as a political statement expressing world condemutation of the system of racial

segregation, Landgren said.
The United States, Britain, West Germany, Japan, France, Israel and Italy were among the most helpful to South Africa's military, according to the study.

In the latest example of cloakand-dagger acquisitions. French police arrested three members of a Northern Irish Protestant militia and a U.S. businessman last Saturday as they delivered stolen parts of a blowpipe missile laun-cher to a South African diplomat.

British news reports said the state-owned Armscor, the armaments corporation of South African, apparently supplied small arms or cash to Profestant extremists in exchange for blueprints of sophisticated British

The United Nations imposed a voluntary arms embargo Aug. 7, 1963 on South Africa and made it mandatory in 1977. Sanctions were tightened in 1984 with a resolution discouraging countries from buying South African-pro-

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duced weapons. The arms ban often was ineffective, and even spurred the South Africans to build up their own arms industry. The study

But it also deprived Pretoria of updated weapons systems, restricted its access to new technologies and curtailed its supply of

The embargo "has heen a limiting factor to some extent in South Africa's efforts to expand its military strength." said the study. citing U.S. congressional testi-

The study also quoted a 1985 U.N. report that buying smuggled or black market weapons added 20 to 100 per cent to the cost of arms procurements.

such weapons is equal to that of almost any industrial nation in Europe," the book said. Unlike Western restrictions on rechnology transfers to the Soviet bloc, no multinational organisa-

non exists to monitor the embar-

go against South Africa, and

there is no list of banned goods to

guide enforcement, Landgren

"Its possession of nuclear

weapons remains an open ques-

tion, but its capacity to produce

The 16-nation Cocom, the Paris-based coordinating committee for multinational export con-trol set up in 1948, has a 300,000item list of military contraband that could be applied in the case of South Africa, Landgren said.

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The embargo can be legally circumvented by importing civilian products with military applications, such as electronics and

telecommunications gear, it said. Nuclear technology was one area where the embargo failed to stop South African advances, the study said.

By the time the U.N. ordered a. halt to nuclear cooperation in 1977, the study said. South Africa had acquired weapons-grade know-how to go with its vast uranium resources, the world's second largest reserves.

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South Africa's arms production capability was acquired through licensing agreements and by buying stakes in arms-making multinational companies, the study said.

In 1963 South Africa said it bad 120 foreign licenses. Before the embargo was called, Preioria gained licenses to produce weapons systems like the French jetfighter, the Israeli reshef gunboat and the Scorpion sea missile, also Israeli.

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MILITARY BASE CLOSINGS: AN OPPORTUNITY FOR CONVERSION

EYEWITNESS Israel delegates have worked diligently to get on the airwaves and in print so they can tell as many people as possi-ble about what they saw and learned in the occupied West

Bank and Gaza Strip.
May delegate Eileen Flanagan, of New Haven, Connecticut, had articles about the uprising published in the national newsweekly In These Times, Philadelphia's frish Edition, and a local foreign affairs newsletter. Another May delegate, Dan Misleh, of Oakland, California, wrote an article for Stormwarnings, the publica-tion of the Jesuit Volunteer Corps-Southwest.

June delegates bave also been active. Bob Anderson has appeared on Pittsburgh radio talkshows and had articles in the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette. The News Courier, the University of Pittsburgh's newspaper, and the Pittshurgh's newspaper, and the Vietnam Veterans newsletter. David Barsamian of Boulder, Colorado, was interviewed by radio stations in Portland, Oregon and Santa Barbara, California, for a year-end summary of the uprising. And the University of Buffalo's Generation magazine published an illustrated four-page article about Craig Mokhiber's

trip.
From the July observers, Marji
Alexa-Allen, of North East, Pennsylvania, wrote an article for the newspaper of the Episcopal Diocese of Northwest Pennsylvania; Gary Murrell's op-ed piece appeared in the December 6 issue of the University of Oregon's Daily Emerald; Larry Pagnoni, of Richmond, Virginia, received the city's "Human Rights of the Year" award in December; and an article by Maggie Meehan Beller, of Charleston, West Virginia, appeared in the January 1 issue of the Bluefield Daily Tele-

Ron Zirpoli, who lives in Atlanta and Philadelphia, has developed contacts with many press people in both cities, using slides of his trip to break the ice. fn Atlanta, he spoke with reporters and columnists at CNN, WGST, The Atlanta Constitution, and The Atlanta Journal. In Philadelphia, Zirpoli met with a WEBS radio reporter, freelance writer Kathy Hart, Philadelphia Daily News writers, the Philadelphia Inquirer's Sunday magazine. photo editor, members of the Inquirer's editorial board, and with members of the Association of Black Journalists, In addition, be participated in a forum broadcast four times on the Interfaith Cable Network and appeared on cable television programme in From the August delegation, and television programmes in host.

WITH STONES, TAX RESISTANCE, BOYCOTTS, STRIKES, AND FLAGS, THE INTIFADA CONFRONTS THE WORLO'S FOURTH LARGEST MILITARY POWER, PALESTINIANS ARE WORKING TO SHAKE OFF THE ISRAELI OCCUPATION AND TO BUILD A NEW STATE THAT WILL LIVE IN PEACE



Cover of April 1989 Sojourners magazine featuring articles and photos by November delegate Vicki Kemper

Rebecca Neale of New Jersey wrote an article for the Burlington County Times. Phyllis Maisel, of Punta Gorda, Florida, has been on several television and radio shows and has been featured in recent articles in the S1. Petersburg Times, Bradenion Herald, and Charlotte Sun. She has also written two articles for the national APCE Advocate (Association of Presbyterian Church Educators). Norman Finkelstein, of Brooklyn, New York, has been a guest on many. radio programmes, including the widely heard Barry Gray Show. and in Canada he gave several interviews and participated in a debate on CBC. Finally, Jac-New York City with Andrew queline Muth, of Durham, North Jewish people in peace, but not Courtney, another July delegate. Carolina, has appeared on radio without our freedom," said her

Columbus, Ohio; Huntington, West Virginia; and Chapel Hill. North Carolina; and has written articles for newspapers in Huntington, Chapel Hill and Raleigh. An article in the Huntington Herald Dispatch generated a heated debate during the last weeks

Harriet Katz, a Los Angeles member of the peace activists delegation, did a moving Christmas day report for radio station KPFK about a family she had visited in Bethlehem. During the report. Katz said of the people gathered at the home of her. Palestinian host, "Their fervent desire for peace filled the room."

"We want to live with the

"We have lost our land, our rights, our security, and now we are losing our children. We would like to stop losing these things," the host told Katz, "People are giving everything to the intifada
— we have nothing now but the intifada .

Ruth Benn, of New York City, wrote a four-page article titled "The Occupation Must End" for the March issue of The Nonviolent Activist, the magazine of War Resisters League: Jane Wolfe of Little Rock, had an article in the December 25 issue of the Arkansas Democrat; and Walt Miller, of Pullman, Oregon, was featured in a December 13 Evergreen article about the Palestine-Israel conflict. The The issue also featured poetry by

by Miller were printed in The Herald and the Idahonian/Daily

As news editor of Sojourners magazine, Vicki Kemper, of Washington, D.C., coordinated a special April issue, whose focus and cover story are devoted to Palestine. J. Dennis Marker, also of Washington, has done interviews with The New York Times, The Washington Post, The Christian Science Moniror, Monito Radio, The Miami Herald, and National Public Radio. Finally. Connie Hogarth, of White Plains, New York, had a piece about Palestinian life published in the December 21 Gannett Westchester Newspapers. fn particular, she wrote about Jabalia refugee camp in Gaza where she spent several days with a Palestinian

family.

During military-imposed curfews, when "everyone must stay. indoors, sometimes for weeks, ... phones and electricity are cut off. The only phone working is at the small clinic run by UNRWA,"

wrote Hogarth. The only way to deal with life and dearh emergencies is for neighbours to break curfew to get on rooftops, or to hang on the walls, creating a human tele-phone until the message reaches the clinic where the sole ambulance can respond, if it isn't too late. This is the kind of hell reminiscent of South Africa. But it also huilds an extraordinary unity among people under oppression.

Hogarth concluded in her arti-

"The intifada will not go away. The shaking off of the occupation will continue, I am certain, until the Palestinian inalienable right of self-determination and inde-pendent political existence on Palestinian soil is recognised."

Regarding U.S. policy toward the conflict, Emerson said. As long as this country supplies foreign aid to Israel, we are a participant in violations of international human rights laws."

The recent student delegation has produced accounts about its fact-finding tour on radio and in newspapers in Ohio, Iowa, and Wisconsin. Steve. Sosebee, of Kent, Ohio, wrote an op-ed piece in the Akron Beacon-Joutnal and was interviewed on a local radio station in January; Bruce Nestor, of Iowa City; wrote an article in The Progressive News; and Wie-Ling Huber. of Madison, Wisconsin, coordinated a feature article and centre-"spread about her trip to the occupied territories in the February 27 issue of The Madison Insurgen Lewiston Tribune published an student delegate Jacqueline Lalarticle about his trip, and letters ley - Eyewitness Israel report.

our Nature' versus 'law of the jungle'.

Mounting international concern about the Amazon forest has prompted President Samey to set out a "hands off" approach to the issue, insisting on Brazil's right to manage what he sees as its own affair.

By Carlos Castilho

BRASILIA - Four months after the murder of the rubber-tapper leader, Francisco "Chico" Mendes Filho, his murderers still go free.

But the cause which he championed has become headline news in newspapers throughout the world, provoking several international summit meetings on the future of the Amazon forest. It has also brought the debate on ecology to the centre of Brazilian

The National Council of Rubber-Tappers, the body founded by Chico Mendes to represent almost 100,000 casual fabourers and to preserve the native trees of the forest, has already been put forward for the Nobel Peace prize in 1989 by the Italian Environ-

mental League.

Despire the widespread support for the rubber-tappers, and the Indians of the forest, many believe that "the law of the jung-le" will continue to rule in Brazilian Amazonia, for as long as the death squads and landowners accused of the crimes go unpunished.

For within the jungle itself. Mendes' friends and successors continue to be persecuted. Osmarino Alves, the new leader of the rubber-tappers, was the target of a sbooting attempt at the end of March in Acre province;

fortunately, he escaped.

After this murder attempt the

rubber-tappers decided that they would no longer have one person at their head — in order to thwart the hired assassins contracted to kill their leaders.

The "hit list", according to the Missionary Council for Indian Peoples, an organ of the Catbolic Church, already runs to more than 220 names. Among them is Moacir Greechi, the Bishop of Rio Branco, the capital of Acre.

The mounting domestic and world concern about the Amazon prompted by these events has led President José Sarney to launch a counter-offensive in response to what he sees as the "internationalisation" of a national issue.

Speaking in Brasilia in mid-April, he declared: "The Amazon is ours". He rejected the interference of "great powers or international organisations" that would "dictate to us how to defend what is ours to defend."

Imperialism

Many in Brazil agree with Sarney. They view international interest in the Amazon as an "imperialist" attempt to cash in on its abundant resources.

This harks back to the stand of the Brazilian left of the 1960s after the controversial U.S. futurologist, Hermann Kahn, and his Hudson institute put forward the idea of creating an enormous



Undated file photo of Brazilian ecologist Francisco Mendes, his two children and

Amazon lake in order to facilitate foreign access to the mineral riches of the jungle.

Today, it has become the ral-lying cry for President Samey's plan for the Amazon rainforest: "Nossa Natureza" — Our Na-

It is beaded by General Bayma Denis, the government's principal military advisor and head of the National Security Council. However, to some critics, the

armed forces as defenders of the environment seems to contradict their leading role in the 1960s in opening roads into the jungle such as the now-abandoned Trans-Amazonian.

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The armed forces were also responsible for the implementation of the "Calha Norte" (North Calha) project, an ambitious plan for military colonisation and occupation of the jungle along Brazil's frontiers with Venezuela, Colombia, Peru and Bolivia. This project, whose cost bas been estimated at \$f billion, was condemned by the church, Indian protection organisations and environmental groups.

In announcing Our Nature, the government said that the area of the Amazon which had been deforested was 5 per cent (about 252,000 square kilometres) of the total area of 3.7 million square kilometres.

But this calculation is contested by Brazilian scientists, who denounce what they see as the manipulation of numbers. The World Bank continues to speak of deforestation of 12 per cent.

The Our Nature programme says it aims to create six forest and biological reserves, restrict the use by gold miners of mercury (which has severely pofluted groundwater in some areas), reduce logging of trees and revise the laws concerning Indian re-

servations. Again many critics challenge both the Brazilian government's Panes.

ability to fund these new programmes and to enforce new conservation rules. Especially as: President Samey has also expressed reluctance over proposed 'debt for nature swaps' whereby-Brazil could exchange pledges to preserve tracts of forest for some of its \$15 billion foreign debt-

The government's so-called "green package" marks the be-ginning of a political reaction aimed at neutralising non-gov. ernmental organisations which. since last year, have been in the vanguard of the conservation struggle in Brazil.

Using nationalism and sup-ported by the armed forces, the government seems to be trying to reassume control of the environmental debate in the country, and to weaken the solidarity which has grown informally between Brazilian, Enropean and North American NGOs since the assassination of Francisco Mendes.

However, the Brazilian ecologist, Jose Lutzenburgr, who won the Right Livelihood Society award last year, says that the government's green counter-offensive cannot be seen as any more than a pobtical manoeuvre until the assassins of Chico Mendes are brought to justice!

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Focus on People

Priorities for our future

By Mariam M. Shahin

This week Dr. Najwa Khuri-Bulos, a Jordanian pediatrician, talks to Focus ou People about ways to easure "quality control" over medical treatment.

Born in Jerusalem and raised in Nablus and Ramallah, where she graduated from the Friends School for Girls, Khuri-Bulos attended the American University in Beirut (AUB), with the intention of becoming an M.D. After receiving her B.Sc and M.Sc with distinction from the AUB she went on to receive her doctorate, specialising in pediatrics, from Yale university. She also specialised in the field of infectious diseases at the University of Colorado, where she sat for the U.S. Medical Board Examination.

Determined from the very beginning on public service, Khuri-Bulos joined the staff of the pediatrics department at the University of Jordan Hospital in 1976. Between 1983-1984 she became chairpersoo of the department of pediatrics. She also holds a teaching post as associate professor at the university. Facing no particular difficulties in reaching such a position, Khuri-Bulos feels that, "although a woman may not always have the same opportunities as a man to obtain a particular positioo, once she gets there she is unlikely to face discrimination because of her gender."

On her service with Jordan's Medical Board Examinations, Khuri-Bulos explains: 'We had to introduce Jordan's board exams, not to 'fail' anyone, but rather to ensure a certain quality of medical atteotion, to safeguard the patients."

:Asked about the rapid advancement in the medical field and how countries like Jordan are coping, she ootes: "When I first came back to Jordan in 1976 we only had one medical conference a year, oow we have at least once a month, so that is already a tremendous improvement." Since the conferences are always well atteoded, chances are that they will increase according to

Asked about malpractice suits in Jordan Khuri-Bulos laments: "In the United States malpractice suits have become completely out of hand. Doctors feel misused and the maliciousness they are often attacked which makes many stop wanting to practice medicine at all. This precedent in the U.S. should not be followed by Jordan. People must understand that doctors are people and not magicians. Not everything is in our hands. There must be protection for both patients and physicians."

Fordan's Medical Association is responsible for deliberating and dealing with malpractice cases. According to Khuri-Bulos, "incidical competents is beyond physicians. Equipments, laboratories, X-ray machines, information facilities are all major

factors in the quality of the practice." · Although Jordan's hospitals still have some way to go before they reach their counterparts in (particularly) the Western world, they have made tremendous improvements over the last fifteen odd years. "Fifteen years ago we were working with the most rudimental tools of technology, we have come a loog way. We should not expect to be like the United States, but we should be

working towards that, and we are."

One of the areas Khuri-Bulos believes changes could be made at a faster pace in the field of team work or the multi-disciplinary approach. "It is absolutely necessary that we have our patients examined by a group of doctors with different specialities if we are

to improve the quality of medical services in Jordan."

One of Jordan's landmarks in medicine that Khuri-Bulos proudly points to is an almost 100 per cent success in the country's drive to prevent diseases through immunisation. In 1978 only 29-30 per cent of Jordanian children benefited from immunisation, while today almost 95 per cent of them do.

Khuri-Bulos believes that working at the University Hospital has benefited her a great deal. In a "teaching environment, physicians are forced to look at things more critically. Student's questions propel the professors to do research and self analysis. One must not forget that the first class of M.Ds graduated from

the University of Jordan in 1978." Asked about cooperation and collaboration among medical staff in public hospitals Khuri-Bulos feels that there is a sufficient degree of both, "Between Al Bashir, King Hussein Medical

Centre and the University of Jordan's Hospital there is both cooperation and collaboration and this will he strengthened by the newly founded National Health Institute, which will act as a "Hospitals in Jordan have been awarded top priority on the

national level in the last few years. Now we have well built bospitals and well-trained and educated staff, the only area we still need more locally trained people is in the para-medical field. Qur eyes have been opened to critical thought and they cannot be closed. Research, even if on a relatively small scale has become

increasingly important to Jordanian physicians."

While Khuri-Bulos attends several medical conferences abroad each year she is well aware that most of ber colleagues who work m hospitals or in private practices are not able to do so. "Thus we have to hring lecturers to Jordan; we have to hold more workshops and seminars right here."

Asked about the immediate problems she faces in dealing with parents of young patients she carefully notes that, "a child's health depends on its psychological as well as physical well-being. I'm not sure parents are always aware of a child's needs, there seems to be an underestimation of the capacity of every young child to learn. I'm not sure that women in Jordan have reached their potential or have got anywhere close to that. The child, of charse, learns from his mother first; therefore, the child's

potentials are also far from being realised."

"Khuri-Bulos is encouraged by the often natural attitudes women in Jordan have towards self help. "Not everyone can afford ready made baby foods, many of my patients make their own baby food at home from fresh ingredients and the children

Asked about reapportioning funds and setting new priorities for Jordan's medical institutions, Khuri-Bulos says: "Although the big medical institutions in Jordan have done a good job in providing primary health care, they must now go onwards and push for research, intensive care units for children, (which do not yet exist, but is soon to be opened at the University Hospital), and other, new priorities.".

Moroccans make world's tallest minaret even higher

By Jonathan Clayton Reuter

CASABLANCA — Moroccan workmen huilding the Grand Hassan II Mosque in Casablanca have begun the tricky task of making the world's tallest minaret 28 metres higher.

The minaret stands on top of the unfinished mosque, dominating the skyline in Morocco's biggest and husiest city and visible from 50 kilometres away. After King Hassan II visited

the site in December, it was decided to raise the minaret from

172 metres to 200 metres.
"His Majesty felt it was not quite high enough. That it was not in proportion with the rest of the mosque. He suggested a few other improvements, too," said a City Hall representative.

On top of the minaret a laser beam will pierce the night sky, pointing in the direction of

Workmen have begun breaking the dome oo top of the minaret to allow it to be built higher.

The work could take months, but the original plan of completing the mosque for King Hassan's 60th birthday on July 9 was aban-

doned long ago.
"That is a dream that is now. impossible to achieve," the represcotative said. Intricate carvings and hand-tilings by Moroccan

masons and master craftsmen inside the mosque could take 18 months to complete.

About 4,000 workers toil round the clock - even during the current month of Ramadan - to finish the building as soon as

The mosque will be the largest in the world outside Islam's holy places in Mecca and Medina in Saudi Arahia.

Designed by French architect Michel Pinseau, a personal friend of the king, the mosque will be 200 metres long, 100 metres wide, and 60 metres high.

It will accommodate 100,000 worshippers, 20,000 inside and 80,000 in a huge courtyard outside. There will be a separate prayer hall for women, a religious chool, a museum and a library.

The mosque faces directly toward the sea and dykes have been built to hold hack the sea while the huilding is completed. They will then be removed and the building will appear to float on

Breakers have been huilt to ensure waves do not rock the

The mosque is the most ambitious non-military construction project ever undertaken in the country. It is also one of the most expensive.

Estimates of its cost range as of the mosque.

high as \$360 million — one tenth of the government's entire hudget for 1989 and ten times capital expenditure in the health sector this year.

Much of the money was raised by a controversial public dona-tion campaign. At its peak last summer, the country was awash with rumours of officials badger-ing people into paying more than they wished.

The ministry of interior denied the allegations, saying investigations found no such cases. King Hassan personally contri-buted \$800,000 to the fund.

"Your contributions, even of a dirham (about 12 cents), will mean that you have built a mosque" be said.

Gifts from Saudi Arabia, other Gulf nations and from private individuals are also helping to pay. Former French Interior Minister Charles Pasqua donated \$8,200 during a recent holiday in Morocco.

Other visiting politicians have done likewise.

Casahlanca already has about 300 mosques, hut city officials say the Hassan II mosque will become the focal point of the country's commercial capital.

Nearby sinms are be de-molished and the city's main avenue extended up to the entrance



Information anxiety

By Judie Glave The Associated Press

NEW YORK - If the stock market has you baffled, if the Richter scale has you dizzy, if you're likely to lie about having read that 550-page report still sitting on your desk, you've got informatioo anxiety.

Richard Sanl Wurman, the fast-talking anthor of a new American book on the subject, believes thousands, perhaps millions, of people suffer from the

"It's saying, 'I just can't keep up." It's that feeling of pressure. You know it, I know it. Admit it, everyone does," he says.
"It's that feeling that Jerry

Smith down the street can put together the hicycle and you don't know how that they can programme their VCR cord things 14 days ahead of time and you can't ... that he's read the big, fat report sitting in your box
and you can't because it just ing anxiety sufferers by providing

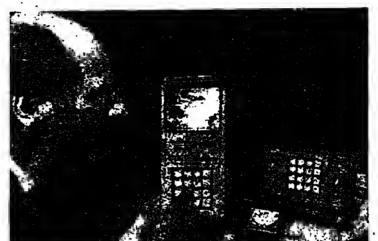
have to lie and say, 'oh yeah, that was a pretty good report."

That, says Wurman, is what society's latest high-tech malady has done - turned humans into masses of lying, quivering jelly brains, too afraid to admit they doo't know or don't noderstand.

Wurman argues that informaanxiety is a result of the societal demand that everyone become well-rouoded culturally, coupled with the fact that much of the information being dispersed does not really inform.:

"It's just stuff, or data, and I refer to it as the con-information explosion," he said.

Wurman blames the educatioo system. He says schools teach that "it's better to say, 'I know' programme their VCR than 'I doo't know'. It's better to ing a preponderant pile to small (Videocassette Recorder) to re- answer a question than ask a stacks of what Wurman calls "in-His new book is aimed at calm- anxiety.



such common-sense ideas as: - Allow periodicals to stack up before ripping out individual articles of interest, thereby reduc-

understand (computer lingo, market futures, the Richter scale and make a point to learn what they mean, one at a time.

- Never nod your head at question. ...a longer report is a terest shards." The idea: if something yoo don't understand, better report." there's less to look at, there's less Practice saying, "I don't understand," in front of a mirror. The ding information anxiety, Wur-- Make a list of terms you use soooer you admit you don't man believes that within a de-

know, the sooner you can actual-

Wurman admits his book is full of a lot of things that people always knew, but having them published "gives it the kind of justification to say it out loud for

the first time." Wurman is an architect by training but is better known as an architect of information.

"I realise bow ignorant I am. I'm more knowledgeable about my ignorance than perhaps anybody I know. When I don't understand things, I often do a book about them," says the 53-year-old writer, who has turned his thirst for knowledge into a thriving husiness.

The result has been 26 "access" books that include guides to the 1984 Olympics, medical terms and his latest, a guide to the Wall Street Journal, which walks readjargon.

Though pessimistic about en-

cade, the nation's data dilemma will spawn a new, multibilliondollar industry: the understanding husiness.

Newspapers will begin hiring people not just to style their newspapers but to make them understandable," he said. "Some bold news programme on television will do that, and we'll actually have a weather map that you can uoderstand.

"And husiness reports won't talk about M1s, M2s and M3s (varying methods to measure the U.S. mooey supply), which everybody thinks are hus lines. It will be information that people

he's gotten a jump on the competitioo and created a new husiness, venture, the understanding

Because he understands this,

Now that's using common sense, which is what Wurman says in his books, his business and his life are all about.

"I already told you," he says smiling," I'm not that smart."

Elementary school 'most important of all' in South Korea

By Kelly Tunney The Associated Press

SEOUL -- On a school day, 2.100 pairs of shoes are lined in neat rows outside classroom at Wonchon elementary. At day's end, the shoes are filled again and 2,100 book bags are crammed

with homework assignments.
Removing one's shoes before entering school is as much a part assigned homework is part of its education

"Elementary school is the most important school of all," said Kim Yong-Soo, the principal. "It comes first, and habits must be trained in children from the be-

girming."
Wonchon is an average sized city school in an affluent area of high-rise apartments in Seoul, It is an example of why South Ko-rean students score among the highest in international surveys of academic achievement.

Slides, a pink-and-yellow jung-gym and wooden benches line the field whee hundreds of children kick soccer balls and play of South Korea's culture as daily.

games during the daily 40-mimute assigned homework is part of its brought from home. The school also has 20 minutes of exercises led by a teacher each morning. usually outside. By American standards, Won-

chon is crowded. Its 40 clas-

slightly below the national aver-

Youngsters wear coats over the ieans, cordurov pants and brightly coloured sweaters and scarves to keep warm in classrooms decorated with handmade yarn animals and clay pots. In summer, the same rooms can be sweltering. At Wonchon, like most

schools, the drinking water has to be boiled because of impurities. Some other schools in Seoul have outside toilets. Kim said the strength of a

Wonchon education lies in pareots' support, homework, standard textbooks, the long school year (220 days — five full days a

the teacher's unchallenged authority to assign work and demand the best performance no matter how much of a sudtent's time it consumes.

Learning in the first grade emphasises sitting still, focusing on the teacher and listening. Kim said concentration can be taught.

The school day starts at 8:40 a.m., although students are inside 15 to 30 minutes in advance. Classes run to about 12:30 p.m. for first-graders and 2:30 for sixth-graders, although special projects can keep them there

A constant at Wonchon and other schools is daily homework,

srooms average 53 students each, week, half a day Saturday) and also assigned for weekends and teen children received help in a vacations. Parents are expected to help. It starts at about a half-hour per subject in first grade and increases to up to two hours or more per subject for fifth -

and sixth-graders. Wonchon has a vocational training room with cooking and carpentry tools, a television studio to beam educational programmes to classrooms and a sci-

ence lab. Kim said students are "not allowed" to fail or repeat a grade. Children needing extra belp are placed in one of two special classrooms for a few days to a few months until they catch up and

return to their regular class. Six-

recent four-month period.

Teachers aim at the average students, he said, encouraging the more gifted to leap ahead to another grade.

Woncbou was part of a two-vear experiment to teach gradeschool science with more experiments and questions instead of the rote memorising on which most Korean instruction is based.

Kim, also a former science teacher, said the approach was better for teachers and more interesting for students. He said Korean education needs improvement and he hopes the "inquiring science approach" will be





Iraq seeks technology transfer for emergency arms industry

BAGHDAD (AP) — Iraq is driving to build up a sophisticated arms industry to rival those in industrialised nations and is seeking significant technology transfers from East and West, officials said Tuesday.

The officials spoke at the end of a major five-day military ex-hibition in Baghdad that sbowcased weapons and equipment already being produced by Iraq's emerging arms industry.

"Time is our only hindrance to overcoming difficulties and join-ing the ranks of advanced countries," the minister of industry and military industrialisation, Hussein Kamel, told a news con-ference at the end of the exhibi-

However, Iraq's war debt of an estimated \$60-\$70 billion and a lack of advanced military technological base are also seen hy military analysts as major obsta-

They said that, like Iran which is also striving to develop its own arms industry, Iraq was likely to use oil barter deals to help pay for the technology it seeks.

ANKARA (Agencies) — Iran, whose air force relies on U.S.-

designed planes, is looking for

contracts to repair fighters for

fence source said Tuesday.

which opened Tuesday.

jet repairs.

other countries, an Iranian de-

repair given the right proposals.

We can bandle F-4s, F-5s and

other U.S.-designed aircraft," he

said in an international arms fair

He would give no other details

and did not say whether any country had approached fran for

Iran was among nearly 30

countries, including Britain, Chi-

na, Oman, Romania, Pakistan,

South Africa and the United

States, represented at the five-

day international defence equip-ment and avionics exhibition in

"We can provide spares and

Iraq, which spent an estimated \$50 billion on defence during the eight year war with Iran, is aiming at self-sufficiency in most military sectors and bas hopes of eventually becoming an arms ex-

But officials and analysts, noting that peace talks with Iran bave deadlocked with little sign of a breakthrough, said Baghdad was concerned that war with Iran could erupt again and that Iraq could be involved in another

Arab-Israeli war in the future. Superpower detente could also hamper Iraq's acquisition of advanced weapons in the future.

The state-run Military Industrialisation Organisation exhibited Sovies T-72 tanks made under licence along with howitzers, mortars, long- and mediumrange missiles, artillery guns, torpedos, military boats, various

Iran offers fighter repairs

cally-made Sbahin (Hawk) and

Oghab (Eagle) ground-to-ground

missiles, used in its eight-year war

with Iraq. aircraft components and remotely piloted reconnaiss-

The Iranian sources said that

the two reconnaissance drones on

show, each some 12 feet (four

metres) long, had an operating

range of 240 kilometres but gave

shells, small calibre ammunition

and radio equipment.

Iran's air force was equipped mainly with U.S.-designed air-

craft and helicopters before the

1979 Islamic revolution over-

During the Gulf war, Iran

gained experience in servicing its

Iran also exhibited artillery

ance planes.

no flying duration.

threw the shah.

calibres of ammunition and the whole spectrum of light infantry

Experts are sceptical that the Iraqi missiles and other sophisticated weaponry was produced by Iraqis alone. The missiles were believed to be based on Sovietdesigned weapons.

Nonetheless, the wide range of Iraqi weapons displayed at the exhibition, in which some 150 companies from 28 countries took part, underlined the advances made in arms production in the

Before the Gulf war erupted in September 1980, Iraq bad virtually no domestic arms manufacturing capability at all. During the war, it depended on foreign arms suppliers, particularly the Soviet Union and France.

Amid a major upgrading of Iraq's armed forces following the Aug. 20 ceasefire in the Gulf war, the military industrial sector is considered one of the largest and fastest growing in the country. The transformation bas meant

similar deal involving the MiG-29 fighter, NATO codename Fulthe creation of a host of new

The Soviets provided Iraq's powerful air force with an undetermied number of MiG-29s last year and Kamel disclosed that Baghdad is negotiating to buy 50 Mirage-2000s from France.

enterprises and sectors in Iraq's

government allocations for milit-

ary industrial sector. But Arab

and Western analysts estimate

that as much as \$20 billion will be

spent on it over the next few

develop an aerospace industry. Arab sources, speaking on condi-

tion of anonymity, said there are

believed to be plans to establish

an aircraft plant involving high

technology in the northern city of

Officials said Iraq was considering building a shipyard on its Gulf coast, but they did not say

what kind of vessels would be

built or wbether foreign aid was

Officials during the exhibition that they are negotiating with the

French Dassault Company to build the supersonic Mirage-2000

jet fighter under licence.
They said they have

approached the Soviet Union for

One of Iraq's top priorities is to

Officials declined to specify

defence industrial base.

years.

involved.

While Dassault is said to be considering a package involving technology transfer and upgrading Iraq's Mirage F1 fighters, widely used in attacks on Iranian tankers in the Gulf during the war, Soviet officials declined all

The Soviets took a surprisingly low profile during the exhibition, apparently to avoid jeopardising Moscow's warming relations with

Officials were reluctant to say which countries and companies were helping Iraq develop its military industries. But informed sources said that

apart from the Soviet Union and France, Brazil, China, Argentina and other countries have also

'To live well, a nation must produce well'

ECONOMIC NEWS BRIEFS

Third World inflation soars to 58%

WASHINGTON (AP) — Prices paid by consumers in Third World countries jumped an average 58.3 per cent last year, up from 35.7 per cent in 1957, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) reported. The average rise in the United States and a score of other industrial countries was only 3.3 per cent, a rise from 2.9 per cent. Inflation figures for the Third World were heavily influenced by Latin America — Brazil's 682 per cent. Argentina's 343 per cent and Mexico's 114 per cent. Mexico reported a slow-down from last year's 132 per cent but Brazil and Argentina were moving up. Argentina's annual rate was over 387 per cent in December, and Brazil's 1,170 per cent in January. Nicaragua surpased them all with 10,205 per cent for 1988 and an annual rate of just under 24,000 per cent in December but the country is too small to count for much in the overall average. There was also a rise of inflation in Asia, to 11.6 per cent from 7.3 per cent. China's rate was up beyond 20 per cent. Returns from Africa and the Middle East were too fragmentary for an overall figure.

Strike shuts main Moroccan refinery

RABAT (R) — Production at Morocco's largest oil refinery bas been halted because of a strike by more than 1,000 workers, the Democratic Labour Confederation (CDT) union said Wednesday. A CDT spokesman told Reuters the oil refining, gas and lubricants divisions were balted three days ago by the stoppage at the 3.5-million-tonne-a-year refinery. The strike began April 19 and has been extended for 48 bours at a time in support of demands for higher pay, improved working conditions and other benefits. The latest 48-hour extension began at noon Tuesday. The CDT said white collar employees were at work but maintenance staff were on strike and there bad been equipment

U.S. loan helps Algeria buy Boeings

WASHINGTON (AP) — An easy U.S. government loan and loan guarantee of \$215 million is belping Algeria buy three Boeing 767-300 passenger jets, the U.S. Export-Import (Exim) Bank announced Tuesday. Algeria will bave 12 years to repay the loan of \$158 million at 8.95 per cent interest. A loan of \$56.9 million was arranged by Chibank of New York, with Exim's guarantee. The Algerian government, which owns the airline Air Algerie will pay \$37.8 million in cash. Boeing bas been a frequent beneficiary of loans from the Exim. It has helped the sale of 23 Boeings to Algeria alone, the last of which were four Boeing 727s in 1979. Eximbank encourages the sale of U.S. goods to other countries by arranging favourable financing, in competition with credit agencies of other industrial countries. It bas belped \$200 billion worth of U.S. sales since it was founded in 1934.

Cray reports big drop in earnings

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Cray Research Inc., which holds a mammoth share of the world's supercomputer market, has reported a nearly \$25 million first-quarter loss and said secondquarter earnings also could be down. The company reported first-quarter net earnings of \$1.5 million, or 5 cents a share, down from first-quarter earnings of \$26.39 million, or 85 cents a share for the same period in 1988. First-quarter revenue was \$116.1 million, compared with \$145.8 million for the 1988 quarter.

Saudi monarch predicts **\$26 oil price in 1990**

KUWAIT (Agencies) — King Fahd of Saudi Arabia said oil prices could rise to \$26 a barrel at the beginning of 1990 if OPEC member states adhered to prescribed production quotas. according to an interview published Wednesday.

Fahd was quoted as saying, "if OPEC countries stick to the production ceiling. I think oil prices will improve and may rise to \$26 a barrel.

"Prices of some crudes reached \$23 recently. When I say oil prices will reach \$26, 1 predict this will happen at the beginning of the new year. However, this depends on the adherence to the output ceiling," Fahd said.

The Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries restricted

output for its 13 member states to an 18.5 million barrel per day aggregate production ceiling as of Jan. I. Prices for the first time in three years exceeded the \$1g per barrel level the group had been opec's ministerial session.

scheduled for early June in Vienna is widely expected to consider raising the production ceiling by 1-1.5 million barrels per day to accommodate demands for higher individual quotas by some members.

Fahd, whose country is the predominant OPEC nation, last week was quoted as saying production 'ceiling increases were possible after careful study of the market. In this interview be did not address the possibility but indicated he sought adherence to whichever production ceiling OPEC agreed upon.
Fahd attributed the price im-

Oil prices fall

LONDON (R) - Oil prices are in retreat because of prospects of rising OPEC and North Sea supply. The current June contract has dropped below \$20. It fell 86 cents to \$19.80 while North Sea Brent blend crude futures Wednesday were at the lowest in seven weeks around \$17.75. One reason, traders said, is that they expect the return to the market some time this month of 472,000 barrels per day (b/d) of gasoline-rich British oil that was halted by a

U.S. dollar



King Fahd

provement to the squeeze of production and the cobesion of OPEC ranks. "As a result of output limitation, prices inproved and reached a good level," he said.

Occasional retreats were due to market speculation and the prices bounce back at the end of the week, be said.

"OPEC should remain a cohesive organisation because the mose it maintains its cohesion, the higher prices become." he said. "The production ceiling option remains better than the price war." He was referring to OPEC member states undercutting of prices that prevailed before the

Jan. 1 accord went into effect. The Saudi monarch denied that Sandi Arabia was violating its ontput quota and indicated other OPEC members were sticking to their quotas.

The Saudi monarch said he was satisfied with the cooperation from non-OPEC producers, mentioning among these the Soviet Union which he said reduced its production level by five per cent. Wheat subsidies to remain

Al Seyassah also quoted King Fahd saying that his country would keep paying large subsidies to its wheat farmers.

"The government will not stop its agricultural support, especially for wheat agriculture," the Kuwaiti newspaper quoted King Fahd as saying.
"There is a big sector of

citizens who practise agriculture and we want them to continue so we can develop it forther," he

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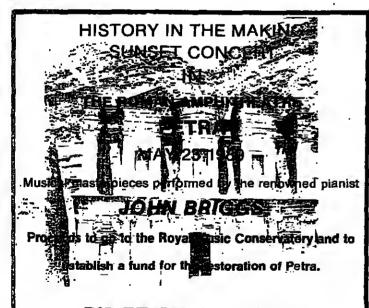
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Meanwhile, Iran will invest \$1.8 billion in its petrochemical industry over the next five years in order to cut imports and become a net exporter of petrochemical products, the official Isla-mic Republic News Agency (IRNA) reported Tuesday.

Ahmad Rahgozar, head of the state-run National Petrochemical Co., said in an interview with the oil ministry monthly, Petroleum Newsletter that "Iran's strategic goal is to export products other than oil," IRNA reported.

The agency, monitored in Nicosia, quoted Rahgozar as saying in the interview that Iran was keen to export petrochemical products because they multiply the value of a barrel of crude oil

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Productivity.

NEW YORK (AP) — A new study shows that since the eco-Michael Dertouzos, chairman of policies. It also nomy is becoming global, U.S. the commission and a professor For industry, the main recom- and credit legislation to make it of electrical engineering and computer science, and Richard Les-

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commission and an associate pro-The study shows that grassfessor of nuclear engineering. roots changes by companies, In an optimistic conclusion, the labour unions, schools and workstudy says that if the right steps are taken, "this nation has every While government has a role to chance of entering the 21st cenplay, changes that come from the tury displaying the same dynambottom up are essential to impro-

ism that characterised its industrial performance throughout much of the present century." The MIT study differs from many others in that it does not focus on such economic issues as the high cost of capital in the

lack of cooperation within and

engineers and economists, called "Made in America," pegs weak-United States and the shortage of national savings.
Instead, it focuses on what it ness in U.S. industry as the biggest threat to the nation's stancalls an excessive concern with short-term profits; outdated dard of living and security. "To live well, a nation must produce well," says the lead sentcorporate strategies that focus too much on mass production and Among the three principal authe domestic U.S. market and

the 1987 Nobel prize in economic among U.S. companies. science and is vice chairman of It also puts the blame on neg-MIT's Commission on Industrial lect of people, technological failures in translating discoveries

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mendation is to focus on steady, continuous improvements in the production process. That involves meeting customers' demands for higher quality, faster delivery and more custom-tailoring.

To hurry things along, companies should go to work on designing products and the processes for making them before the research and development is even complete, the study says.

Suppliers should be treated as allies rather than adversaries, the study says. Since the economy is becoming global, U.S. managers should know more about foreign cultures and ways of doing business, it says.

Companies should cultivate a work force that is more involved in the company's welfare, less specialised, and continuously learning, the study says.

Labour representatives should be accepted as "legitimate and valued partners in the innovation process," the report asserts. But it also says traditional 'labour-union stands on work

rules, job security and compensation "need to be revised to fit a world of changing technologies, international competition and a more educated work force." For government, it recom-

mends taking steps to raise private savings and cut the federal budget deficit; opening foreign markets; making labour laws more flexible; supporting research and development and making military spending more

It also recommends using tax harder and more expensive to raise large sums of money for corporate takeovers and buyonts.

On education, it says government should get schools to promote "technological literacy" and encourage companies to do more on-the-job education and

The study acknowledges that many companies are too small to do extensive education and training, while others are afraid that employees will quit and take their newly acquired skills elsewhere. In contrast, the study says, West German and Japanese employers feel they have a stake in maintaining a national reservoir

of skilled workers. It is unlikely that U.S. emplovers will ever feel that way, but incentives muld be devised to bring about the same result, the study says.

The main thrust of the study is how to improve the output of U.S. factories. Ford Motor Co. and Xerox Corp. are cited as examples of companies that snapped back in the 1980s in the face of stiff foreign competition.

"The United States, with a fourth of worldwide production and consumption, cannot live off its 'research alone," the study

Pioneering new products is a successful approach for individual entrepreneurs, the study says, but most of the money is made in mass production.

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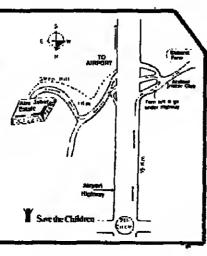
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LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

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leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midday on

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Wednesday, May 3, 1989

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WORLD STOCK MARKETS

By Reuters

SYDNEY - A wave of enthusiasm for industrial stocks led the market to a stronger close. The All Ordinaries index was 12.3 points higher at 1,504.9.

TOKYO - Japanese markets are closed until Monday, May 8 HONG KONG - Prices closed virtually unchanged after a seesaw trading day with attention focused on political developments in China. The Hang Seng index dropped 1.15 points to 3,155.22.

SINGAPORE — Institutional and small investor buying sent prices up in brisk trading and the Straits Times industrial index closed 18.92 points up at a post-crash high of 1,284.87.

BOMBAY — Scattered buying by state-owned financial institu-tions helped sbares close mixed in moderate trading. The market closed lower following Tuesday's steep fall as the possibility of early elections sparked renewed long liquidation.

FRANKFURT - Shares ended mostly firmer after a moderate session, led higher by scattered technical demand for speciality stocks. The DAX index rose 6.06 points to 1,368.60.

ZURICH - Prices closed easier across the board in listless trading ahead of Thursday's Ascension Day holiday. Technical problems made the all-share Swiss index unavailable.

PARIS — French share prices extended losses in very quiet trading after the finance minister's forecast for April inflation. about 0.6 per cent after March's 0.3 per cent - depressed sentiment.

of conviction in the market. At 1440 GMT the FISE 100 index was down 6.8 points at 2096.3.

LONDON — Shares languished near the day's lows in dail afternoon business as a weaker Wall Street added to general lack

NEW YORK - The broad market remained parrowly lower and directionless although special situations stood on anterprading. The Dow fell 4 points to 2,398. هكذا منه لأجل

Jordan Times

world famous Harlem dopetrotters, due to make their Goff debut thiring their Winston ares World Tour, have been How been called "Magicians of Bactetball", America's Ambas-Hondinis of the Hardcourt."

Globetrotters pbenomenon began on January 7, played its debut match in Hinkley, Illinois, before a crowd of 300 spectators.

Since then the team has played a focal of 16,881 games, and won an incredible 16,550 of them. Many of the people associated wiff the Globetrotters have nicknames of the 'Red Klotz' variety. Making a welcome return to the team in time for their Arab World Tour will be 'Sweet' Lou Dunbar: 'Sweet Lou' hardly sounds an appropriate name for an athlete measuring 6'9" in height, bul Lou bas always enjoyed making people laugh and his temperament off-court is as amiable and fun-loving as it is

TORONTO (R) - A Canadian

Olympic official recalled Tuesday

how she visited Ben Johnson in

his hotel room in the early hours

of September 27 last year to take

there, visibly upset, she told a

Canadian inquiry into the use of

drugs in sport. Johnson's mother

and sister were also present along

with his doctor, George Mario

the Canadian mission, told John-

son she would have to expel him

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medal to the Olympic committee.

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Johnson did not reply.

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BY CHARLES GOREN

AND OMAR SHARIF

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Official tells of stripping

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of the athletes under Francis.

bought thousands of Winstrol V

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Stanozolol was found in

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urine tests at the Seoul Olympics.

Johnson's record 100-metre

sprint was annulled and he left

Letheren testified that the Cana-

dian delegation fought for John-

son all the way, accepting assur-

ances by him and Francis that he

was a clean athlete, and produced

evidence suggesting sabotage by a

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test and before the release of the

second, Canadian officials inter-

viewed many people and estab-

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the test had been conducted in

regulation conditions.

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GOREN BRIDGE

WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

Another player in this year's squad, Larry Coleman, smiles when asked bow he got the nickapproach the game with intelli-

name 'Shorty'. "When you play basketball with a hunch of guys who are well over 6' tall at 5' 11" they think that I'm a midget," Larry explained. Since I'm not as tall as a lot of the guys, I've always had to

one of the most dazzling dribblers ever to handle a hasketball. Curley Johnson, making his debut in the Gulf. enjoys reveal-

Larry's work certainly payed

off, as he is now considered to be

ing how he got his nickname, 'Boo'. "My dad. Curley Sr., was player in a team opposing the Globetrotters some years back," he smiles. "He gave me the nickname 'Boo' so that whenever I heard fans yelling 'Boo!', I would know they were cheering me on!"

Possibly one of the world's most astounding athletes, Billy Ray's lean 6'6" body doesn't appear to have an ounce of fat anywhere. A truly great leaper, Billy Ray is known for his slam dunks and bounding twenty-foot jump shots. He gets such tremendous lift in his jumps that he sometimes appears to be shooting down at the basket.

"I can't take too much credit for my abilities," be says. "I was born, with them. I consider myself incredibly lucky to be where I am. The Harlem Globetrotters generate happiness every day. Can you imagine a better way to make a living.?"

The Harlem Globetrottens will appear at the Royal Sports City in Amman on Thursday May 18.

FORECAST FOR THURSDAY, MAY 4, 1989

YOUR HOROSCOPE

GENERAL TENDENCIES: Senaual desires will be highlighted the next two doys with mixed results. If things do oot work out, hold oo tightly and avoid change until details are thought out in e calm,

gence and high energy. I've work-

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shooting too.

objective manner. ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) A cerebral friend has more advice than you can use. Talk is cheap and could prove to be expensive. Deal with the situetico — yourselfl TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20)

When you don't teel talented give your creative projects the day off. Focus on romance, communications and tuture travel plans, GEMINI (May 21 to Jone 21) Forces are scattered, but others are mystified at the speed at which you secome magnetic and pull every-

thing together.
MOON CHILDREN (Juoe 22 to Jul. 21) Progress is made through hard work. Temper responses are fed by a "jet's throw everything away and start over" attitude, LEO (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21) Worry over finances occurs when your security is at stake. Rashness,

waste and excesses are bitter pills, but are lessons in learning. VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Have confidence as you sim for the

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Here you sit, waiting for the golden goose, Wby not concentrate on be-

top. Doo't put all of your irons in

one fire. Diversify your financial

ing productive and caring for your own needs? Don't depend on others. SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 2I) Your devotion to another is kept secret. Love is blooming. Retreat to e quiet spot and think things over. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec

21) You can be lulled into e day-bydey complacency that leads to boredom. Be certaio to keep routines and fun projects active. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Be ready for future vacation plans. There is barmony at home. Avoid thinking about an irritation from

AQUARIUS (Jan. 2t to Feb. 19) Old pals can be stimulating and belpful. Turn on the charm for a visiting VIP, Financial projects move along faster than expected. PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mer. 20) Find

a oew format for your psychic and intuitiva abilities. The immediate future is filled with Piscean charm and lucky, social cootacts.

FORECAST FOR FRIDAY, MAY 5. 1989

GENERAL TENDENCIES: Avoid overbearing and pushy ap-proaches and instead enlist the

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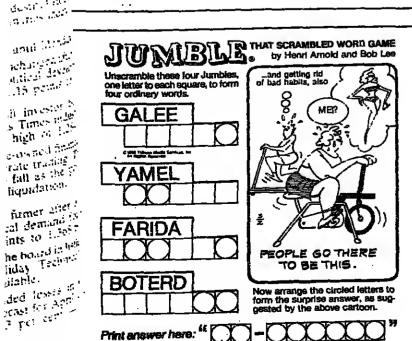
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"He's at that awkward age. Too old to sponge off his parents, too young for retirement."



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cooperation of others. Be tactful and kied toward those who want to throw in the towel. Frustration will

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) You dream about falling in love, and you have a kneck for making dreams come true. Keep your forces gathered together.
TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20)

You feel determined to have it your own way. Being overly confidence can lead you down a blind alley. Analyze new opportunities.

GEMUNI (May 2I to June 21)

This day may have the blehs. Con-centrate on contracts, legal matters and literary interests. Don't complain - do something different.
MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to

Jul. 21) It is not how much you have, but how much you enjoy what you do have. You may be overlooking the qualities of life.

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one of those days when II is almost impossible to stay on schedule. Hold ooto your practical nature. LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Gather your forces and be sure of the facts. Don't insist on having your own way if you don't want to

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) That special meeting will turn out okay. You could torment yourself with doubt and worry. Stick to your view and know that you are right. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 2II Decide an important money issue. Be available for young fam-ily members who need help and

be disappointed.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Ask and you shall receive - and soon! A positive cycle runs through the next few days. Concentrate on

partnere, plans and oew ideas.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Be wary of e close cohort who bends the truth to fit his own purposes. Don't believe everything you hear.

and avoid risky schemes. PtSCES (Feb. 20 to Mer. 20) The plot thickens - good, clean, roman-tic intrigue - and you love it. Single, or ettached, plan a roman-tic weekend with all the trimmings.

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Costly sport draws mixed reactions

Jordan Rally is postponed

By Rania Atalla Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN - The postponemeni of the Jordan International Car Rally, originally scheduled to take place in mid-May, has drawn mixed reactions from the public and participants alike. Some argue that the event is an unnecessary activity that should not have been scheduled in the first place, and others, mostly rally enthusiasts, express concern that the decision would adversely affect Jordan's bid to secure a slot in the world rally championship series.

Analysts and observers believe the decision to postpone the threeday international event was taken in view of the mid-April disturbances that hit some parts of the Kingdom, most notably the south, where riots were sparked by economic austerity measures introduced in the wake of an agreement signed with the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

Formally announcing the deci-sion, Royal Automobile Club of Jordan (RACJ) Director Derek Ledger said Wednesday that "unfavourable circumstances" were behind the indefenite postponement of the three-day event.

"The international rally has been postponed for a while due to the unfavourable circumstances and situation we have at the moment," be lold the Jordan Times Wednesday.

Most of the would-be participants of the rally believe the decision to postpone the event, which is criticised by some as an

Racing across the desert: the RACJ's decision circumstances,' according to its affector Mr. Io cancel this year's International Jordan Rally was taken in the light of 'unfavourable

"expensive sport," was a wise

Derek Ledger.

"We all know that we are the future. exercising an expensive sport, said rally co-driver Ali Bilbesi. "I would have fell odd, knowing that while rallying, we are in a differeal world from that which surwe are still hopeful that we would rounds us... for although things

riots) have not disappeared," This month's ralfy would have taken participants as far south as the eity of Petra, some 30 kilometres from Ma'an where last month's riots started.

are now O.K. in Jordan, the

prices of food are still high and the

problems (which sparked the

Former Jordanian champinn Hani Bisharat, who planned to participate in the event, lauded the decision to postpooe the rally, even though he said he had a goodchance of performing well in the Toyota Celica Turbo he planned to

Most of the participants interviewed by the Jordan Times raised concern that the decision to postpone the raily would adversely affect Jordan's chances of holding a world rally championship in

"The postponement may risk us loosing our stature with FISA... they do not like it if we caonot stick to a schedule... hut

go ahead and do lt." in the not too distani future, he said. Acording to Ledger however, the postponement of the rally will not affect Jordan's bid to hold a world championship event because the decision did not come as a result of the lack of preparation among the organisers bul as a result of circumstances which he

described as "beyond anyone's control. During last year's international rally, a number of observers from the Federation International de Sport Automobile (FISA) commended the rally organisers for an "absolutely first class event," which they said would score bigh on Jordan's application to bost

By Ledger's estimate to three-day internation think

sponsored by Rethmore, sould have brought the country 39 250,000 in income from foreign teams, journalists and visitors. would have amounted in the 25.000, to be covered making by

Rothmans and the RAC:. To an independent raily observer who has "mixed feelings" about holding such events in the Kingdom, the raffy is a lotal "disruption of Jordan's fragile environment."

Rallying in Jordan, in his view, is a rich man's sport, practised by a tiny elite from the capital... people who have little contact with the countryside.

"They (the participants) roar through the villages as though they are foreigners," he said: "This implicates and fosters the wrong kind of values for a pastoral society like nurs."

Still, he said, it is exciting to see so many youngsters turned on by world rally championships in the such an evenI.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Australian captures gold at Shanghai

BEIJING (AP) - Australia's Julie Pugh broke a Chinese lock on gold medals at a Shanghai swim meet by winning the women's 200-metre freestyle, China's official news agency said Wednesday. In the second day of competition Tuesday, Pugh was clocked in 2 minutes, 3.85 seconds to edge Sun Chunli of China, who finished second in 2:04.30, the Xinhua News Agency said. Chinese swimmers won all nine other events in the first two days of competition. About 300 swimmers from Australia, Hong Kong, Japan, Singapore, Thailand and China are taking part in the six-day meet.

Nicol gets nod

LONDON (AP) - Steve Nicol of Liverpool was named England's soccer player of the year by the Football Writers' Association Tuesday. The 27-year-old, who has played four positions in midfield and on the back line this season, beat Manchester United captain Bryan Robson and Derby goalie Peter Shilton for the honors. Vote totals were not released. Nicol was the fourth Liverpool player to win the award in six years. following two-time winner Kenny Dalglish, Ian Rush and John

Connors crashes out of Munich

MUNICH (R) - American number two seed Jimmy Connors crashed out of the \$205,000 Munich men's tennis tournament Tuesday, swept aside in his opening match by Argentine clay-court specialist Martin Jaite. Jaite, 25, ranked 66th in the world, took just 88 minustes to dispose of the 36-year-old American in a easy 6-4, 6-1 second-round victory. The defeat was a blow to Connor's hopes of match practice on clay courts ahead of the French Open at the end of the month. He also lost his two years, was not depressed by the defeat, "I gave my best and that was all I could do today," he said.

opening match in the Monte Carlo Open last week. But Connors,

who has played very litte tennis on the slower surface in the past

Evert pulls out of Italian Open

MIAMI (R) - Chris Evert has pulled out of next week's Italian Open tennis championships because she is exhausted, the Women's International Tennis Association (WITA) announced Tuesday. I've played six of the last eight weeks and feel physically exhausted." Evert said in a statement released by WITA.

The National Music Conservatory/

Noor Al Hussein Foundation and

> The British Council presents

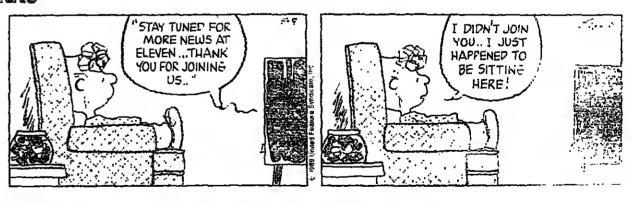
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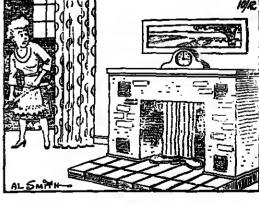
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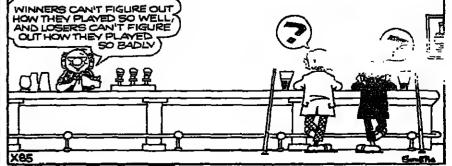






Andy Capp





A finger for

a rape attempt

LOS ANGELES (R) - A

rean immigrant suspected

attempted rape was arrested af

trying to present the victim w

part of his little finger as expression of his remorse, pol said Tuesday. Yoon Yoon,

asked to meet the victim at

fast-food restaurant in I

Angeles Monday night, saying

was sorry for attempting to re

her last month and wanted to g

her a present, police said. Af

the woman pointed Yoon out

the restaurant, police arrest

him and seized some letters and

gift-wrapped box containing p

of his little finger. "By doing the

be wanted to save face. That w

what was indicated in the

ters." sergeant Alex Salazar sai

The ritualistic severing of parts

fingers is common in some Asia

LOS ANGELES (R) - Tr mother of a reputed gang men ber suspected in the rape of 12-year-old girli the first pare

to be charged under a new and

gang law in California, a prosec

tor said. Gloria Williams, 37, w

accused Friday of failing to supe

vise her 14-year-old son. Sh

faces a maximum sentence of

year in jail under the street ter

rorism act which makes parent

responsible for the criminal act of their children. There is evi

dence not only of a wilful lack

parental control on William

part, but that she was active

involved in her son's gang," Lo

Angeles city attorney Jame

Hahn said. According to the pro

secutor, police who searched Wi

liams' home found gang graffing

ber son's bedroom and a photo

graph in a family album of th

boy holding a rifle. Williams, a resident of gang-plagued south

central Los Angeles, was als

photographed with gang mem

bers. Her 19-year-old daughte

was shown smiling as she pointed a semiautomatic pistol at the head of a youth, Hahn said. The

son has been detained as a su

pect in the gang rape of a 12-year old girl who is alleged to have

been sexually assaulted over

period of four days. The stree

terrorism act passed by California

legislators last year includes ackage of laws aimed at comb

ting gang activity. Police estimate there are 60,000 gang members in

honorary president

LONDON (R) — Students at the London School of Economics

voted to keep the killer of a

policeman as their honorary pres

ident Tuesday. Winston Silcon

serving a life sentence, was elected to the post last week by

student supporters of a campaign

to prove be was wrongly con

victed of murdering constable Keith Blakelock. The students

decision provoked a wave of pub-

lic anger. Blakelock was lamos

beheaded by a machete during a

riot at the London housing estate

of Broadwater farm in 1985. It

return of the election, students

voted by 530 to 305 for Silicott's

removal but the ballot failed K

achieve the two-thirds majority

needed to unseat him. Silicot's

election was condemned as "de-

spicable and shameful" by

Education Minister Kennett

Baker and by spokesmen for the

opposition Labour Party. Con

servative Member of Parliamen

Tony Marlow urged the introuc

tion of rules governing "the men

tal age as well as the physical ago

for acceptability for higher educa-

tion." The London School of

Economics was at the centre of

British student unrest in the 1960

and-some students said

they feared Silcott's election

would dent its restored reputal

the Los Angeles area.

Convict named

Mother charged for son's rape

secret societies.



A victim of the tornado that hit Bangladesh last week feeds his injured child in front of his wrecked

Bangladeshis face diarrhoea outbreak

Bangladesh that were devastated by a tornado last week now are threatened by an outbreak of diarrhoea, officials and relief workers said Tuesday.

Resente workers speaking on coording of anonymity said 50 people were treated for diarrhoea. Tuesday Earlier 100 people. mostly children, tepotted attacks of diarrhoea, apparently spread by contaminated drinking water. they said.

Decomposing carcasses have polluted pools and ponds and an outbreak of diarrhoea and cholera was likely, said Mohammad Nasim, a voluntary relief

The Figalth Ministry said it had taken emergency steps to prevent

A ministry announcement said 10 medical teams carrying water purifying tablets and medicines depend for drinking water on

Mankiganj district that were hit by the tornado Wednesday. Officials at the tornado control

toom in Manikganj said the death toll in the storm reached 814 Tuesday after rescuers found five more hodies and eight people died in hospitals.

Residents at Manikganj, 40 kilomettes northwest of Dhaka, however said more than 1,000 people died in the calamity, as 400 persons listed missing were

believed killed.
At least 12,000 people were injured and 13,000 left homeless after the tornado, whirling at 160 kilometres per hour, tore tbrough at least 20 villages.

Many of the survivors are still living in the open without adequwater, rescue officials said.

Most villagers in Bangladesh

have been sent to the villages in rivers and ponds, unreliable sources in country where the cli-mate alternates between flood and drought.

Summer floods last year left four-fifths of the country under water and killed at least 1,400 people. In November, cyclones claimed another 1.100 lives.

The country is currently experiencing a two-month-old drought that threatens to destroy balf the 5.6 million-ton spring crop in the field, Agriculture Ministry officials said. Bangladesh's agriculture,

almost entirely dependent on rain, is the main occupation of the nation's 110 million people. Last week's tornado was

accompanied by rainfall, but Agriculture Ministry officials said more rain was need to save the Bangladesh, one of the world's

poorest countries, has and annual per capita income of \$160.

Primates emphasise social justice, sideline women issue

LARNACA (AP) — A group of 27 Anglican primates have called for "social justice" to be applied in political conflicts and sidelined a controversy over women bishops which threatens to split the church's 70-million faithful worldwide.

A communique summarising a week of meetings by the archicle has in this tourist resort singled out the Palestinian uprising. Lebanon, South Africa and several other international issues as "urgent and immediate matters which cry out for compassion and action."

The Anglican orimates called upon "all people and especially those in authority to make every effor: to alleviate the sufferings of Ged's children in every land."

The emphasis on "social justica" came in a separate fourpage sustement entitled "Anglican primates statement on social justice issues," that made detailed references to matters considered "urgent and immediate."

The stress reflected public statements by Archbishop Desmond Tutu of southern Africa and other Third World prelates that deflected attention from the divisive issue of women bishops. the Middle East," Archbishop Robert Runcie of Canterhury,

The risk of a split in the church deepened following February's elevation of Barbara Harris. 58, as (assistant) bishop by the U.S. Episcopalian Church, making her the first woman bishop in Christian history.

"We are concerned that we do not become obsessed with ecclesiastical tinkering while there are major crises in so many parts of the world to he taken into account." Tutu told a news conference Monday.

'Unity in diversity'

On the women hishops issue, the conference adopted a special report proposing that conflicting views of member churches should be accepted, and called this "unity in diversity."

The prelates were all agreed, however, in their demands for action to redress suffering caused by political issues.

We are deeply conscious that we meet as primates of the Anglican communion on the divided of many deep-seated conflicts in

mass of paragraph numbers

that makes up the legal system.

"It's a hig problem, ranging from official documents that

people can't read and forms

they don't understand, to laws

that even experts find too diffi-

cult," Gabriele Brock told

She is administrator for the

Society for the Promotion of

2.5 to can flatter (GFE).

Reuters in an interview.

the leading Anglican primate, said Wednesday.

On the 17-month Palestinian uprising the communique said the prelates join the Christian churches in Jerusalem "in denouncing Israel's handling of the Palestinian uprising in occupied Arab

On Lehanon, where fierce fighting has raged for eight weeks, the communique said "we grieve with the people of Beirut in their hour of trial.

"Even in a nation in which violence has come to be an everyday occurence, the recent fighting particularly brotal and

shocking. The communique called "upon all the parties involved in the present fighting — particularly outside powers — to cease and desist, committing their energies to the search for a just and equitable peace.'

The communique also called "on all states with influence to use their good offices to secure island of Cyprus and at the centre the release of all hostages of wbatever nationality.

Peking appeals for stability as students vote to march

PEKING (R) — Chinese Communist Party leader Zhao Ziyang appealed for stability Wednesday as defiant students voted to stage another mass demonstration for democratic reforms.

Their protest, planned for Thursday, would coincide with the opening of the Asian Development Bank (ADB) annual meeting in Peking to be attended by more than 2,000 dignitaries.

City authorities announced that central Tiananmen Square would be closed to pedestrians for 11 hours while bankers and finance ministers met in the Great Hall of the People.

Chinese president Yang Shangkun will address the opening ceremony, which coincides with the 70th anniversary of the May 4 protest when intellectuals and students took to the streets of Peking to demand modernisation and democracy.

Tens of thousands of students

SEOUL (AP) — Six riot troopers were killed and 10 critically in-

jured when they were set on fire by radical students Wednesday

while trying to rescue five police officers being held hostage at a

Police officials, who declined

to be named, said the troopers

were killed in a dawn raid on

Dongui University in the southrn

port of Pusan as they attempted

to break into a room on the

seventh floor of the school library

Radical students set fire to a

barricade drenched in paint thin-

ner as the troopers were climbing

over it, police said. Several of the

officers, wrapped in flames.

leaped out of windows, while

others were burned or choked to

Prince Norodom Sihanouk said

Wednesday he would go back to

his homeland as head of state.

decide hy October or November

wbether to return to hold power

somewhere between that wielded.

by the queen of England and the

the two. Buddhism tells us the

middle way is best," he told a

news conference on the second

day of Cambodian peace talks

But first an international con-

trol commission, to be named at a

must make sure the Vietnamese groups.

"I would like to be between the

president of France.

Sihanouk said he expected to

college, police said,

to free the hostages.

joined by supportive onlookers brought the capital to a standstill last Thursday in China's biggest protest since the 1949 revolution.

Making his first public speech since the unrest began nearly three weeks ago, Zhao told a party youth meeting that China could not afford chaos.

"If you lose stability, nothing will be achieved ... a very hopeful China with a bright future would become a hopeless, chaotic China," Zhao said.

The whole party, all people and youth should be struggling against chaos to preserve our hard-earned peace and stability, Zhao said in a speech broadcast on radio and television.

"Haven't we had enough of

Six troopers killed in

Police officials said more of the

injured riot troopers were ex-

pected to die. One student was

critically injured and about 10

troopers and students received

released unharmed after profes-

sors pleaded with students to free

the officers, police said. Police

said they arrested 88 students and

were questioning them.

President Rob Tae-Woo and

top ministers condemned the inci-

dent at an emergency meeting

and warned they would crack down on radical students and

dissidents to halt a wave of vio-

lent protests that have bit South

to return to Cambodia

four-party interim government in

Phnom Penh until elections can

be held, and constitutional

The proposed government of

Premier Hun Sen, Sihanouk's

non-communist followers, anti-

communists from former Premier

Son Sann's Khmer People's

National Liberation Front and

The Khmer Rouge is not repre-

the communist Khmer Rouge.

sented at the peace talks. Siha-

nouk said no support could be

expected from them for whatever

was agreed upon in Jakarta and

the interim government might

JAKARTA (AP - If the total withdrawal is genuine, Sihanouk

withdrawal of Vietnamese troops said. Hanoi has promised to pull

from Cambodia is independently out its remaining troops by the

conference in Paris July 24-25, function with only the other three

guarantees

confirmed and the constitution end of September.

"Radical student demonstra-

Korea in recent weeks.

All of the hostages later were

minor wounds, officials said.

social turmoil?" Zhao asked rhetorically, noting that since 1840 China had enjoyed only about 20 years of stability.

He stressed that the Communist Party with its 45 million members was crucial to the success of China's open-door policy and shared the ideals of China's

But as he spoke, student leaders meeting at a Peking University campus voted to stage a fresh protest after the govrnment re-fused to bold talks with their independent union which it regards as illegal.

"Tomorrow is a people's holi-day, a new period in the history of Chinese people's democracy, Wuerkaixi, chairman of the new union, told 500 cheering students after the vote.

The student leaders declined to reveal where or what time the demonstration would take place.

armed struggle in which murder

and arson are committed to

achieve their goal of revolution,"

the government said in a state-

national television Wednesday

night to announce new measures

Opposition parties also de-

Hundreds of radical students

calling for the overthrow of Roh

battled riot police around at least

two campuses Wednesday in

Seoul, Protesters cheered at

Sungkyunkwan University wben

several troopers were set ahlaze by firebombs.

"The Khmer Rouge will reject

everything because they are in-

terested in the continuation of the

of killing hundreds of thousands

between 1975, when they seized

power, and late 1978, when Viet-

nam intervened. Hun Sen, Siha-

nouk and their allies insist that

Pol Pot and other leaders of the

original "genocidal clique" he

barred from any future govern-

"The Khmer Rouge bave no

chance. They continue to violate

human rights. They attack other

members of our coalition. ...I

think they may be planning an

attack on Hun Sen's army and my

He quoted Hun Sen as saying,

"Let the Khmer Rouge stay in

war." he said.

to try to halt violent protests.

nounced the deaths Wednesday

and called for an end to political

Roh was scheduled to go on

Diplomats doubted they would confront police during the ADB meeting, the largest international financial gathering in Reking since the communists came to power in 1949.

Government spokesman Yuan Mu used the first official news conference since the campus protests began to appeal to students to return to classes

"I hope that tomorrow there will be no mass demonstration hut maybe my hopes will not come true," Yuan said. He urged the students not to disrupt the ADB meeting.

On Tuesday, between 6,000 and 10,000 students demonstrated in Shanghai, China's biggest city, and residents said they expected more protests Thursday.

"My students are beginning to breath fire," said one foreign



Rand Lubbers

Lubbers offers

THE HAGUE (R) — Prime Minister Ruud Lubbers offered the Sihanouk sets conditions resignation of his centre-right cabinet to Queen Beatrix Wednesday after a row over the cost of a Dutch environmental cleanup plan.

A government spokesman said Lubbers was received by the queen for an early morning audience after the row with his Liberal Party junior coalition partners toppled his government Tuesday

Luhbers, a Christian Democrat, told parliament he would resign over the clasb on how to fund a plan to cut pollution by 70

When Lubbers' limousine pulled away, a bystander yanked open the unlocked door of the car and jumped in. He was immediately seized hy police. His motives were unclear.

resignation

per cent by the year 2010. Lubbers refused to talk to re-

porters as be left the palace. He drove to the airport for a trip to Bonn, where he will meet Chancellor Helmut Kohl and other cabinet ministers for talks on sbort-range nuclear missiles.

North jury — not exactly of his peers — takes its time

WASHINGTON (R) - Behind locked doors and a blue velvet rope, a dozen average citizens of the nation's capital are taking their time in deciding the fate of Oliver North.

A cashier, two typists, two secretaries, a retired hus driver, a copier operator, an unemployed security guard and four others have been blockaded for 10 days in and around courtroom six. where they heard eight weeks of testimony about the fired White House aide prosecutors claim masterminded the Iran-contra

They bave been cut off from public contact since being sequestered April 21. They stay in a hotel, whose location has been kept secret. They are forbidden to see their families except in the presence of a court marshal.

For this panel, the prohibition against reading newspapers and watching television news broadcasts is prohably no hardship all denied familiarity with North and the Iran-contra affair before being sworn in - hut even their television programmes are previewed and censored by marshals to avoid even a hint of tainting. A two-part television drama of

North, "Guts and Glory", was strictly off limits. house by van and start the morning with juice and coffee across from

The jurors enter the courtthe jury room. The few notes they have sent to the judge reflect a focus on routine, not surprising for a jury headed by a 34-year-old

hospital secretary.

the jungle.'

army," Sihanouk said.

"May we please have more yellow pads (12), and if possible some rubber hands," jury foreman Denise Anderson wrote April 24. "Thank you so much for your assistance with supplies. We will always take lunch at 12:00 noon for one hour from the time lunch is delivered."

Judge Gerhard Gesell, a nononsense jurist of 78 who does not suffer lawyers' foibles gladly, has gone out of his way to ensure the jurtors' comfort, night down to the green leather chairs they sat on. When one juror complained of illness, a nurse was called. When one juror's aunt died, Gesell called a recess so she could attend the funeral. Legally a jury of North's peers.

the nine-woman, three-man panel is in practical terms quite different from the man whose fate they will decide.

The defendant is white, physically fit and cuts an imposingly martial figure even in his standard-issue dark suits.

The jurors are all black, reflecting Washington's predominantly black population. They have tended toward colds and coughs during the proceedings and no fashion magazine would

feature any of them on its cover. With one exception - a statistician - none of the jurors has any higher education, as contrasted with North, a graduate of the naval academy at Annapolis and the U.S. War College in Rhode Island.

Global weather

(major world cities)

Pressure group clashes with West German bureaucracy are occupied by the imposing-By Thalia Griffiths each time they move house, after your interests. Poland, Yugoslavia and the to make West German law a figuring out official forms and Reuter ly-named General Association "What we are after is simpli-Soviet Union. finding their way through the

BONN — Former Chancellor Helmut Schmidt once said that life in West Germany was getting so complicated he could no longer understand his water

This is no surprise in a country where the word for water company is "trinkwasserversorgungsunternehmen" (literally "drinking water supply en-

pressure group is waging war on the country's all-pervading officialdom. Most West Germans are res-

igned to registering and "de-

registering" with the police

to simplifying.

The GFE does not bave to look far for something to do. Adjoining offices in its Bonn government quarter building for Insurance Finance and the Medical and Social Service for Higher Federal Officials (Area

They sound even less inviting in German. One of the language's best-known traits combining several words into one long one - is perfect for bureaucracy. Get a phone installed and

you are already a fernmel-. deteilnehmer (telecommunications in eticinant). From Schools servicing

call on the might of the "Bundesverband der Dienstleistungsunternehmen fuer Verpflegungssysteme" (Federal Association of Service Enterprises for Catering Systems) to look

fication, for the law not to regulate everything into the smallest details, more chance for the individual to make his own decisions," Brock said. "We are up against a huge

task. Something that has taken decades to develop cannot be abolished overnight. Germans in any case are

great believers in order in public life. Pedestrians wait obediently for a green crossing signal even if no car is in sight. The imputient risk at best disapproving looks, at worst a

Dealing with officialdom causes particular problems for the increasing number of foreigners in West Germany, many of them asylum-seekers from

"They have their own difficulties, especially with the language, but I do not think it is specifically a problem for foreigners," Brock said. "It is a problem for everyone."

'Simplification mafia'

The GFE was founded in 1982 by a group of lawyers, politicians and civil servants who became known in Bonn as the "vereinfachungsmafia" (simplification mafia).

When Helmut Kohl became chancellor, he made it one of his priorities to make life a little simpler for the ordinary form-filling West German.

He set up a parliamentary commission on which the GFE is represented and which aims little more user-friendly. Realising the right official

can be hard to get hold of, several regional state and city authorities have introduced public hotlines to speed queries to the right officials. Bonn's "environment line"

tells callers where to dump their old motor oil or advises on products for the bouse and garden that will not barm the environment. Some offices have re-

sponded to public frustration with their 8 a.m. to noon opening bours by introducing a socalled "service evening" once a week so that people who are normally at their own jobs can have access to them.

A GFE questionnaire sent to all state governments asking

dell in 150

which federal laws were particularly awkward, time-consuming or labour-intensive to enforce received a reply from Lower Saxony listing over 60. So far the group has been

simplification of pension rules and building and beredity laws. The parliamentary commission is preparing its third set of measures to clear up problems in the legal system.

A linguistics expert from the German Language Society has been seconded to the Bonn parliament to simplify the language in which laws are

Brock proudly quoted one of ber more notable victories, the changing of the phrase: "as consideration must be given to the aspect of water economy," to: "as water must be saved."